

**City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, October 10, 2013**

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:00pm, Thursday, October 10, 2013 at the Ypsilanti City Hall, 1 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
2. Roll Call & Introductions - Commission members present were Anne Brown, Halie Brown, Bob Krzewinski Conan Malmer and Cathy Thorburn. City Council member Pete Murdock also attended the meeting.
3. Public Comment - Jamie Berlin and Cal Winning both indicated interest in serving on the Commission. Also Jason Frenzel of the Huron River Watershed Council gave an update on work the Council is doing in conjunction with the City on improving the canoe portage at Peninsular Park with work expected to be completed on this project by the summer of 2014.
4. General Business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of August meeting minutes (there was no September meeting) – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to accept the August meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. Other – There appears to be a need to clarify the process on how individuals apply to serve on the Commission. Bob Krzewinski will work to revise the Commission webpage noting that individuals should email the Mayor with a copy to the Commission Chair.
5. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – None.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – No new updates.
 - c. City and facilities updates - Cathy Thorburn gave an update on the Rutherford Pool, indicating that the facility may not be completed until early spring 2014 due to approaching cold weather construction constraints. The Pool was also listed as an Mlive “Big Deal Of The Year”. Conan Malmer indicated that the Ypsilanti American Little League has received two grants from Lowes which will be used on the Candy Cane Park baseball field. Pete Murdock discussed the activities of the Friends Of Prospect Park.
 - d. 2013 Commission priorities – Membership recruitment to the Commission was discussed, as was the proposed County recreation facility in the Water Street area.
 - e. Commission sponsored events
 - Ypsilanti Fall River Day – City Of Ann Arbor Canoe Livery was unable to bring canoes to Ypsilanti in October so the event will not take place in 2014.
 - New Years Day Walk – Scheduled for January 1, 2014, 11am at Library Plaza Park on Michigan Avenue.
6. Old Business
 - a. Park Master Plan update – Bonnie Wessler of the City Planning Department gave an audio-visual presentation on the Plan presenting hard copies of the final draft to Commission members. A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Conan Malmer, to approve and accept the City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Master Plan (2013-2018) and recommend the City Council approve the document. The motion passed unanimously. It was also recommended that the Plan be reviewed annually by the Commission once it is formally adopted by the City.
 - b. Smoke free City parks – Bob Krzewinski will poll City Council members on the proposed ordinance prior to the November Commission meeting.
 - c. Ordinance change – City of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission name change – Bob Krzewinski will check with the City Clerk’s office on the status of the name change.
 - d. 2014 Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant – Frog Island/Riverside Parks – Bob Krzewinski will set up a meeting with City Planning Department staff on this issue.
 - e. Ypsilanti Community Grants – A “wayfinding sign” grant is being explored through the Ann Arbor Area Community Fund to erect signs directing visitors to Ypsilanti attractions.
7. New Business – None.
8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with the meeting adjourned at 8:01pm. The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, November 14 at the downtown Ypsilanti District Library.