

City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order at 7pm, November 4, 2014, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members in attendance were Anne Browne, Bob Krzewinski, Conan Malmer and Cal Winning.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – Public Input – None.
 - b. Guest presentations – None.
3. General Business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Cal Winning, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to accept the agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of October meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cal Winning, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to accept the minutes with no objections.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – Anne Browne has had conversations with a local resident about establishing a nature preserve on property near Michigan Avenue.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – An application has been turned in to City Public Services which will be forwarded to the Commission for approval at it's December meeting.
 - c. Parks Capitol Fee Fund projects/disbursements – No update.
 - d. City and facilities updates – Two new signs are on order for the Mattingly Tot Lot. Supporters of the Senior Center are working on a new Memorandum of Understanding with the City as well as updating their by-laws.
 - e. Commission sponsored events
 - Friday night movies – 7pm, Ypsilanti Historical Museum basement annex
 - Ypsilanti River Days – First Sunday of May and October
 - New Years Day walk – 11am, Library Plaza Park
 - Ypsi River Days (canoe & kayak short trips) – First Sunday of May & October 2015
 - f. Commission newsletter – Bob Krzewinski working on this and it should be out the week of November 9th with the featured City park being Peninsular.
 - g. Other – Cal Winning came up with a possible new City parks logo that will be forwarded on to Commission members. Cal also is continuing to work on student park service projects with a timeline of early 2015.
5. Old Business
 - a. Smoke free children's City parks resolution to City Council – Passed unanimously at the October 21st City Council meeting but still needs a second reading at Council and another vote for enactment.
 - b. Friends of Parks group updates – There is interest in a group forming a "Friends of Waterworks Park". Cathy Thorburn is trying to research the status of the Friends of Candy Cane Park.
 - c. Park signage – Bob Krzewinski is attempting to contact City Public Services to see if existing signs can be refurbished through Washtenaw Community College. Cathy Thorburn also reported the Rutherford Pool needs a sign.
 - d. Friends Of Peninsular Park – This newly formed group will have a cleanup at Peninsular Park Saturday, November 8th at 10am followed by a meeting at Eastern Michigan University at 11:30am. The group also now has a Facebook page.
 - e. New Commission members – Bob Krzewinski will send out an inquiry to area neighborhood groups on the need for additional volunteers to serve as Commission members or just to help with Commission events and projects.
6. New Business
 - a. 2015 Commission goal setting – Bob Krzewinski will send out a draft list of possible Commission projects for 2015 inviting Commission members to add to the list. The Commission's 2015 goals will be finalized at the December meeting.
 - b. Other – A Huron River Watershed Council Ypsilanti Trail Town meeting will be held Friday, November 7th, 9am at the Visitors and Convention Bureau on Michigan Avenue. Also, invitations will go out in the future to have the City Manager and Mayor attend a future Commission meeting.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Cal Winning, to adjourn the meeting. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, 7pm at the Ypsilanti District Library.