

**City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 14, 2013**

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members present were Bob Krzewinski and Cathy Thorburn. Also in attendance was Cal Winning who is pending membership on the Commission pending approval by City Council.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/Public Input – Representatives from the Ypsilanti American Little League (YALL) gave input about deteriorating conditions with baseball park areas, with Recreation Park having the most problems. While YALL is working on fundraising for park improvements, the group is requesting greater assistance from the City. It was suggested by Commission members that YALL contact City Public Services (especially in regards to safety concerns), Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University for possible assistance. Also, the Commission will formulate a support letter (Bob Krzewinski lead for the letter) for the initiatives of YALL to improve the City parks.
 - b. Guest presentations – None.
3. General Business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to approve the agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of October meeting minutes - A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to approve the October minutes, passing unanimously.
 - c. New Commission members – No updates.
 - d. Other – Bob Krzewinski is working to update the Commission's City website, mainly keeping agendas and minutes up to date.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – None.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – None.
 - c. City and facilities updates – Cathy Thorburn gave an update on the status of Rutherford Pool with construction winding down for the winter but final items being completed for an expected May opening, possibly around Ypsi Pride day. The Border To Border Trail was also discussed, with construction on a new bridge over the Huron River from Riverside Park and a Trail segment in the Water Street area planned to start in the spring of 2014.
 - d. Commission priorities – No updates.
 - e. Commission sponsored events – Weekly family-friendly movies, cosponsored by the Commission, continuing at the Ypsilanti Historical Association. New Years Day Walk planned for 11am starting from Library Plaza Park.
5. Old Business
 - a. Park Master Plan update – No updates.
 - b. Smoke free City parks – Bob Krzewinski continuing to call City Council members for their input.
 - c. Ordinance change – City of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission name change – City Clerk stated that this should be on the agenda of the City Council in the near future.
 - d. 2014 Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant – Frog Island/Riverside Parks – No updates.
6. New Business
 - a. City Special Events Policy changes – A request was made by the City to offer comments on proposed changes to the City's Special Events Policy document. Commission members present had concerns mainly over the cost and insurance requirements (\$25 application fee, \$55 permit fee, \$600 security deposit) for neighborhoods to close a street for a neighborhood picnic. It was suggested this topic be on the agenda for the December meeting.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Cathy Thorburn to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, with no objections. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm. The next Commission meeting will be on Thursday, December 12 with a location to be announced (Library is not available).