

City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10th, 2015

1. Call To Order – The meeting, held at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, was called to order at 7:05pm by Commission Chair Linda Horne. Other Commission members present were Bob Krzewinski, Cathy Thorburn and newly appointed Commission member, Delois Wilson. Also attending were City Council member Commission liaison Anne Brown and Joe Golder, who has turned in an application to serve on the Commission.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – Public input – None.
 - 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 February meeting minutes - A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to approve the minutes, passing unanimously.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – Anne Browne and Bob Krzewinski were copied in on an email from the Huron River Watershed Council stating that the process to apply for an Ann Arbor Area Community Fund grant for Peninsular Park repairs/upgrades will start in early May. The Huron River Watershed Council will have a Huron River Water Trail Town meeting in Flat Rock on March 18th which Anne Brown is planning on attending.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – A motion was made by Cathy Thorburn, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to approve an Adopt-A-Park application by the Ypsilanti Running Company Athletic Club to adopt the circular track at Frog Island Park. Bob Krzewinski will update the master list of Adopt-A-Park applications on file before the next meeting.
 - c. Parks Capitol Fee Fund projects/disbursements – Anne Brown reported that City Council will receive Fund reports on a monthly basis and she will forward them when received to the Commission.
 - d. City and facilities updates
 - Hefley/Mattingly Tot-Lots - Anne Brown spoke with Stan Kirton of Ypsilanti Public Services and reported that playground equipment similar to that which was installed last year at the Charles Street Tot-Lot playground will also be installed at the Hefley and Mattingly Tot-Lots in the spring. Joe Golder suggested that old equipment be saved for a possible dog park. No smoking signs have also been installed at the Charles, Mattingly and Hefley Tot-lots.
 - Rutherford Pool - Cathy Thorburn gave a report on the Pool, reporting that the facility will open for the season on Memorial Day weekend and close Labor Day. The Pool budget has been completed with higher costs due to wage increases mandated for 2015.
 - Peninsular Park - Meetings are taking place between Public Services staff, City Council members and Washtenaw Community College construction trades to replace/repair steps, the shelter roof and park equipment. Joe Golder reported suggested different parking options in the Park, working with nearby apartment managements to promote the Park, and a webcam camera for the Park that could be used for security and promotion (i.e. “see what the Park looks like today”).
 - Senior Center – A new kitchen has been installed with solar power a possibility in the future. The Center has a fundraising “Carnival” on March 28th from 1pm to 5pm.
 - e. Commission sponsored events
 - Friday night movies – 7pm, Ypsilanti Historical Museum basement annex – Still happening every week with the Commission being a cosponsor.
 - Ypsilanti River Days – May and October – Bob Krzewinski working on a date of Sunday, May 31st and will keep Commission members apprised of developments. Costs associated with this event may need to be subsidized to keep canoe rental rates low. Anne Brown reported that the Ann Arbor Canoe Livery might be willing to come to Ypsilanti in the fall. Joe Golder also mentioned the possibility of setting up regular Ann Arbor to Ypsi canoe trips though the Ann Arbor livery.
 - f. Commission newsletter – Bob Krzewinski looking at other formats for the newsletter.

5. Old Business

- a. Friends of Parks group updates – Friends of Peninsular Park meeting on the 1st Saturday of every month, 10am at Biggby Coffee, Mansfield at Washtenaw Avenue.
 - b. Park signage – Anne Browne will consult with City Public Services and bring a catalog of possible park signage options to the next meeting.
 - c. New Commission members – Anne Brown will follow up to make sure Joe Golder is on the Council agenda for approval.
 - d. 2015 Commission goals – Initial goals chosen for 2015 are...
 - Peninsular Park – Step replacement, shelter roof – equipment repair (benches & grills)
 - Park Signs – Refurbish or replace
 - Waterworks Park – Repair Huron River non-motorized bridge deck
 - Riverside Park – Start process to improve drainage, repave paths and open the Cross Street entrance gate for parking.
 - Steps – Repair steps leading to Riverside/Frog Island Parks
6. New Business – Commission members encouraged to sign up for Ypsi Pride Day events (May 16). Cathy Thorburn will Captain the Rutherford Pool and Delois Wilson will Captain Mattingly Park. The site for signup is <http://www.a2ychamber.org/foundation/ypsilanti-p-r-i-d-e-day>
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm with the next meeting being Tuesday, April 14, 7pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue.