

City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 9th, 2015

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order on June 9, 2015, 7:04pm, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members present were Linda Horne, Bob Krzewinski and Delois Wilson. Cathy Thorburn and Cal Winning indicated before the meeting that they could not attend. Joe Golder also attended and has applied 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 Linda Horne, to approve the agenda, with an addition of “July Parks Month” in New Business, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes - A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Linda Horne, to approve the May minutes, passing unanimously.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – An email was received in the last month from the City Managers office concerning an Adopt A Park application and park reservations but apparently that situation has been cleared up.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – None.
 - c. Parks Capitol Fee Fund projects/disbursements – City Council member Anne Brown should be forwarding an update to the Commission in the near future.
 - d. City and facilities updates – Linda Horne reported that the City Public Services department is having maintenance problems with mowers so grass may be a little higher in the City parks. Delois Wilson reported that there will be a cleanup/improvement work day (possibly being called “Mattingly Pride Day” since the workday at the Park on the May 16th Ypsi Pride Day was rained out) at the Mattingly playground on July 17th The Mattingly event is being cosponsored by an EMU student group and will have an ice cream social too. Cathy Thorburn, in an email, indicated the Rutherford Pool is off to a good start this season, with the first set of lessons are filling up. The Pool has sold close to 100 family passes, over 40 individual and over 25 senior passes and is ahead in most of their projections of passes sold. The Pool is still investigating how to prevent or detect after-hour swimmers. Professionals seem to differ on whether lights, cameras or motion detectors would be the best way to go as there has been at least one incidence of after hours swimming this year.
 - e. Commission sponsored events
 - Friday night movies – 7pm, Ypsilanti Historical Museum basement annex – Still being held through the end of June. No movies in July or August.
 - Ypsilanti River Days – October 11th – Bob Krzewinski reported that Riverside Park has been reserved and the City of Ann Arbor Canoe Livery confirmed for canoe rentals. The Huron River Watershed Council will have an information table at Riverside Park and discussions are going on for other exhibitors (i.e. Leslie Science Center birds of prey, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission). Joe Golder suggested if there is a cost for the birds of prey that a local merchant donate the fee. On legal issues about the event Bob Krzewinski will check with the City Attorney.
 - Labor Day Bridge Walk – September 7th – To be sponsored by the Commission and starting at 9am from Library Plaza Park.
 - Other – The Commission will sponsor a “Walk & Talk” walk with the Mayor, Sunday, June 14th starting from Library Plaza at 7pm.
 - f. Commission newsletter – Next edition will have a deadline of July 1st.
 - g. Other
5. Old Business
 - a. Friends of Parks group updates – Joe Golder gave an update on the Friends of Peninsular Park (including possible plans for a farmers market, flea market, information flyers, etc.). It was also reported the Friends Of Prospect Park recently had a work day to clean up graffiti and improve the Luna Lake rain garden.

- b. Park signage – No new updates.
 - c. New Commission members – Linda Horne will discuss with the City Clerk ordinance requirements about Commission members that have stopped showing up at meetings for extended periods.
 - d. 2015 Commission goals
 - Peninsular Park – Step replacement, shelter roof – equipment repair (benches & grills) – City Council member Pete Murdock checking with Washtenaw Community College construction trades department on their offer to replace steps and fix the shelter roof.
 - Park Signs – Refurbish or replace – No update.
 - Waterworks Park – Repair Huron River non-motorized bridge deck – No update.
 - Riverside Park – Start process to improve drainage, repave paths and open the Cross Street entrance gate for parking – No update.
 - Steps – Repair steps leading to Riverside/Frog Island Parks – No update. Linda Horne will check with City Public Services Director Stan Kirton on the status of all the Commission goals are report back to the Commission members.
6. New Business - July Parks Month – A discussion was held on possible events for this national event which encourages people to use parks. Ideas for local activities included park cleanups, highlighting City parks on Facebook and park open houses. Commission members will discuss this matter further online leading up to July.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Delois Wilson, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm wit the next Commission meeting being Tuesday, July 14, 7pm, at the Ypsilanti District Library.