

**City of Ypsilanti Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes - Thursday, June 13, 2013**

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members present were Anne Browne, Bob Krzewinski and Cathy Thorburn.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – Public Input: None.
 - b. Guest presentations – None. An appearance by Amanda Holsinger, the City of Ypsilanti Special Events Coordinator, will be rescheduled for a later meeting.
3. General Business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Cathy Thorburn, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the June agenda, passing unanimously.
 - b. Approval of May meeting minutes – A motion was made by Anne Brown, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the May minutes, passing unanimously.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – None.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – The Huron River Watershed Council is interested in improving the canoe portages at Peninsular Park and may do so through an Adopt-A-Park application.
 - c. City and facilities updates – Cathy Thorburn gave a report on progress with Rutherford Pool.
 - d. Commission sponsored events – Bob Krzewinski will work on a fall canoe day with a suggestion of a later start time. Bob will also coordinate the annual Labor Day Ypsi “bridge” walk. Bob also gave a report on the National Trails Day event/walks on June 1st.
 - e. Other – It was suggested at the July Commission work day, one item to discuss was revising the Adopt-A-Park application.
5. Old Business
 - a. Park Master Plan update – Bonnie Wessler, of the City Planning Department, gave a report on the status of the Parks Master Plan update, with handouts of maps and the latest draft plan asking for Commission member input. It was also agreed that the July Commission meeting would include a public comment session on the master plan and be held at City Hall for more space.
 - b. Smoke free City parks – Bob Krzewinski gave a report on work he is doing on a proposed smoking ban in City parks which could be done by a simple addition to current park prohibited activities.
6. New Business
 - a. City park event reservations – Deferred to a future meeting.
 - b. 2014 Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant – Frog Island/Riverside Parks – A discussion was held on potential projects in a Grant application with choices being narrowed down to pathway reconstruction, drainage issues, electrical work and playground equipment. Further discussions will be held at future Commission meetings.
 - c. Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission five year plan review – Anne Browne is trying to have Bob Tetens, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission Director, appear at the July meeting to discuss the five-year plan.
 - d. Ordinance change – City of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission name change – Bob Krzewinski presented a resolution changing the name of the Recreation Commission to the Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the City ordinances that would need to be changed for the name change. A motion was made to approve the name change resolution (attached) by, Anne Brown, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, passing unanimously. Bob Krzewinski will forward the resolution to the City Clerks office for action by City Council.
 - e. National Park & Recreation Month (July) activities – Anne Brown will work on input flyers (i.e. “I Love My Parks & Recreation Because...” in City Hall, Visitors & Convention Bureau and the Library for input to the Commission and as a part of Park & Recreation Month (<http://www.nrpa.org/july/>).
 - f. Other
7. Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Cathy Thorburn and with no objections the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, July 11, at the Ypsilanti District Library lower level meeting room.