

City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm, January 13, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members present were Linda Horne, Bob Krzewinski and Cathy Thorburn. Also attending was Joe Golder who has submitted an application to the Mayor 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 Cathy Thorburn to approve the agenda, seconded by Linda Horne, and approved without objection.
 - b. Approval of December 2014 meeting minutes – A correction was made in the minutes for the spelling of Charles Bibins. With that change noted, a motion was made by Linda Horne, seconded by Cathy Thorburn, to approve the minutes with no objections.
 - c. Election of 2015-16 Commission officers – Bob Krzewinski is willing to continue to serve as Commission Secretary. For Chair and Vice Chair, Commission members deferred action on this appointment until the February meeting and Bob Krzewinski will check if members not present at the January meeting would be interested in either position.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – None.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – None. Bob Krzewinski is expecting to meet with Stan Kirton of Public Services and will forward any updates to the Commission members by email.
 - c. Parks Capitol Improvement Fee Fund & disbursements – No update. Bob Krzewinski will obtain the latest copy of the Parks Capitol Improvement Fee Fund statement and forward it on to the Commission members by email.
 - d. City and facilities updates – Cathy Thorburn gave an update of the Rutherford Pool. Bob Krzewinski will gather other updates from Stan Kirton of Public Services and email them to Commission members.
 - e. Commission sponsored events
 - Friday night movies – 7pm, Ypsilanti Historical Museum basement annex.
 - Ypsilanti River Days – May 2nd date for the Spring canoe day is being finalized with the City. Fall canoe day is still set for the first Sunday of October.
 - Other – Cathy Thorburn indicated the Commission could cosponsor the annual children's triathlon at Recreation Park and will keep the Commission informed on this matter.
 - f. Commission newsletter – Bob Krzewinski will have a draft out by the week of January 18th.
5. Old Business
 - a. Friends of Parks group updates – Bob Krzewinski gave an update on the Friends Of Peninsular Park meeting on January 10th with priorities of that group being to secure the powerhouse building, come up with a park plan and replace wooden steps in the Park.
 - b. Park signage – Refurbishing of signs will be discussed with City Public Services.
 - c. New Commission members – Joe Golder should be confirmed by City Council soon. Linda Horne will contact Council Member Nicole Brown about adding more members from the 1st Ward.
 - d. 2015 Commission goals – A discussion was held on priority issues with possible Commission activities (concerts, walks, nature programs, YMCA programs) and a desire to really push for activities during national Parks & Recreation Month (July - www.nrpa.org/july). Also discussed was the Commission participating in the annual August Parkridge Summerfest, exploring a concessions agreement (Cathy Thorburn will work with the City Planning Department on this), a dog park, and possibly a "Lets Go Fishing Day" (Michigan DNR "no license" days are held in June) working with Shultz Outfitters (Bob Krzewinski will contact them). Everyone was asked to review possible priorities for further action at the February meeting.
6. New Business – Bob Krzewinski will be unavailable for the February meeting with Cathy Thorburn facilitating that meeting.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob Krzewinski, seconded by Linda Horne, to adjourn the meeting. With no objections the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 7pm, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue in the main floor meeting room.