

City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 – 7pm Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue

1. Call To Order 7:05 – Attending were Linda Horne, Cathy Thorburn, Anne Brown City liaison, Pete Murdock City Council, Joe Golder-still awaiting approval of commission position.

2. Introductions

a. Audience participation – Public Input - None

b. Guest presentations - None

3. General Business

1. Agenda approval Linda Horne motioned and Cathy seconded
2. Approval of January meeting minutes Linda Horne motioned, Cathy seconded
3. Election of 2015-16 Commission officers Linda accepted the Chair position. Cathy will fill the vice chair.

4. Continuing Business Items

1. Communications received - None
2. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates - None
3. Parks Capitol Fee Fund projects/disbursements - Some festivals still owe money per Pete.
4. City and facilities updates Peninsular Park tour took place with WCC Christie Lindamen. Excited to work. Program starts April 1st. Need a more serious walk through after snow clears. Items would concern safety, primarily. Walk ways, stairways, securing the building and improving the pavilion. EMU is interested in helping out with the stairway to the apartments. Peninsular Park will be a site for Ypsilanti Pride.
 - Senior Center-Contract with the County to redo the kitchen. Monies will come from a past Community Development Block Grant and DPW.
 - Parkridge-Solar panels on roof. Paid through a grant -anonymous donor. LED lights were installed in the gym with City monies.
 - Pool - Ran deficit for last year. Looking at business sponsorships. Close to \$5,000 was raised in the pre-Holiday fundraising drive. Investigating cameras for security.

5. Commission sponsored events

- Friday night movies – 7pm, Ypsilanti Historical Museum basement annex
- Ypsilanti River Days – May and October ³⁵₁₇ Other

6. Commission newsletter

5. Old Business

1. Friends of Parks group updates Anne Brown reported that there is interest in one of the Tot lots (possibly the one that Delois Wilson is involved with) and a re-interest in Water Works by a disc golf group.
2. Park signage Anne and Pete will look into if there are any City monies available for signs. Joe Golder mentioned that Home Depot may be a possible partner in getting the materials for the signs.

3. New Commission members Delois Wilson is awaiting approval, Joe Golder sent email to Mayor but will fill out official paperwork as he has not heard from the Mayor. There are several from Ward two and Ward one. Council meeting Tuesday may approve commissioners.
 4. 2015 Commission goals Linda and Cathy will look over the list and have their suggestions for the next meeting.
6. New Business
1. Pete mentioned that the bridges to go over Michigan Avenue from Riverside to Water Street have come in over budget. The County did a major grant match but not sure where the rest of the monies will come from. Waiting for bids to come in.
 2. The Rec Center is looking for an architect.
7. Adjournment –Adjourned at 7:48. Linda motioned/ Cathy seconded. Next meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 7pm, Ypsilanti District Library