

City Of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm, November 10, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members present were Linda Horne (Chair), Bob Krzewinski, Conan Malmer and Cathy Thorburn.
2. Approval of agenda and previous minutes – A motion was made by Cathy, seconded by Conan, to approve an amended agenda to include, under Friends groups, baseball field updates and under New business, Frog Island canoe/kayak landing. The amended agenda passed unanimously. A motion was then made by Cathy, seconded by Bob, to approve the October meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
3. Introductions – Evan Sweet, who is interested in serving on the Commission, was welcomed.
4. Old business
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates – A discussion was held on revising the Adopt-A-Park application, with Bob heading this up. He will talk to Stan Kirton in Public Services for suggestions such as making the adoption period longer than its present one-year term. Also, by unanimous consent the Commission approved the AAP application from the Society Of Africology with Conan following up with that group by email.
 - a.i – Friends Of Peninsular Park – Bob indicated that the next meeting of this group is pending but would let Commission members know when it would be held.
 - a.ii – Disc Golf – No updates.
 - a.iii – Ypsilanti Running Company – No updates.
 - a.iv – Friends of Prospect Park – No updates.
 - a.v – Heritage Park Neighborhood Association – No updates.
 - b. Friends groups updates – Conan gave an update on the new Ypsilanti Baseball Foundation, a group founded to help maintain and improve baseball infrastructure in City parks, specifically Recreation, Candy Cane, Prospect and Waterworks Parks.
 - c. City Of Ypsilanti updates – Cathy reported that the Rutherford Pool is largely drained and that a fundraising effort will begin in late 2015.
Commission sponsored events
 - d.i – Friday Night Movies – Resumed in September at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum at 7pm and co-sponsored by the Commission.
 - d.ii – New Years Day Walk – Bob will organize again a walk on January 1st, 11am from the Library Plaza Park.
5. New business
 - a. 2016 Priorities – A discussion was held on possible 2016 priorities for the Commission using a draft list of projects. Commission members are asked to review the list before the December meeting where 2016 priorities will be set.

- b. Riverside Park Playground update – The Commission Committee will be holding another public hearing in early 2016 and have a Committee meeting (date to be announced) in November.
 - c. Dog Park – Linda reported on a meeting between City and Ypsilanti Township officials about having a joint City/Township dog park on property immediately south of I-94, north of Ford Lake and west of Grove Road. Commission members are supportive of this location but there are concerns about enough parking.
- 6. Partner updates
 - a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – No update.
 - b. Bike Ypsi – No update.
 - c. City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee – Bob reported on progress with the new City segments of the Border To Border Trail with most construction expected to be completed by mid-November.
 - d. Eastside Recreation Center – Bob is on the Design Advisory Board for the project but had no new updates. He will contact the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission for an update prior to the December meeting.
- 7. Other business – None.
- 8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Conan, seconded by Cathy, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.