



**City of Ypsilanti
Parks & Recreation
Commission
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti MI, 48197**

Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2016

1. Call to Order- The meeting was brought to order at 7:11pm, July 12, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Commission members attending were Evan Sweet, Conan Malmer, Nicole Putala and Cathy Thorburn. Evan Sweet presided over the meeting as President Linda Horne was absent.
2. Approval of agenda- A motion was made to approve the agenda by Conan Malmer, seconded by Nicole Putala, passing unanimously.
3. approval of previous (June) meeting minutes- A motion was made to approve the June minutes by Nicole Putala and seconded by Conan Malmer, passing unanimously.
4. Introductions
 - a. Guest Ellen Duff presented her Play Everywhere Challenge. Beth Earnt from City Hall is looking into where the project is designed to go to see if MDOT owns that land. Ellen was informed that she will need to include money in the grant to cover engineering costs and soil sampling. A motion was made by Nicole and seconded by Conan to endorse the Challenge grant project. It passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates
 - i. Friends of Pennisular Park None
 - ii. Friends of Prospect Park None
 - iii. Heritage None
 - iv. Conan will reach out to Peter Church to see if he was informed by DPS that his Adopt a Park proposal was not authorized as it would infringe on work that City employees are contracted to complete.
 - b. Friends Groups Updates
 - i. Nicole mentioned that she has not complied the Friends group directory.
 - ii. Friends of Rutherford Pool Things are going well. Busy with lessons and other programming. Reaching out to groups in the community with free passes. Update on signage due to child being hit in front of the Pool.

- c. Conan mentioned that in the Washtenaw Community College publication there was an article about how Stan Kirton is using part time summer interns to work for the City.
 - d. City of Ypsilanti Updates City is working on re-opening the Water Street bike path. Fence will be put up. Fall is the anticipated timeline. Planking for the bridge is going in. Riverside Park has not had any reported issues with the gate being opened up this summer. It will remain open until Fall or a problem occurs.
 - e. Walk with Ease program in Riverside Park has been very well attended. They will open an evening session in August. The Come Out and Play program for Youth is held in Waterworks Park. It came with a \$500 budget for supplies but that did not take into account needing a porta-potty and water due to the fact there are no facilities in the park. It is held in the afternoon and has been very hot. This grant is usually a two year grant.
6. Commission Sponsored Events
- i. Friday Movie Night will resume in September
 - ii. Ypsilanti River Day Update-Evan will try and get mobile Home Depot workshop for kids. The Township is behind River Days and will advertise it in their Parks and Recreation Guide
7. New Business-None
8. Partner Updates
- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town
 - b. Bike Ypsi
 - c. Non-Motorized
 - d. WCPR- Rec Center Status Update
9. Other Business
- i. Need for more trash cans in Recreation Park next to the pavilion. People may clean up after themselves but run out of trash can space. Conan will ask Stan if there can be more than one can there.
 - ii. Huron River Appreciation Days were last Sunday. There was to be a fly fishing demo on Frog Island
 - iii. Eastern Michigan University may be interested in doing Outdoor Yoga in the parks. Evan is going to pursue this more.
10. Adjournment A motion was made by Conan and seconded by Nicole, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8.01pm with the next meeting being Tuesday, August 9 at 7pm, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue.