



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

**Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016**

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm, December 13, 2016. At the High Scope Foundation. 600 N. River St. Commission members in attendance were Linda Horne, Cathy Thorburn, and Evan Sweet. Also in attendance as Beth Ernat, Director of Economic Development and Pete Murdock, City Councilman.
2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes – A motion was made to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes by Cathy Thorburn, seconded by Evan Sweet, passing unanimously.
3. Introductions – None
4. Old Business
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates
 - i. Friends of Peninsular Park – Director Ernat spoke on revitalizing the group. Huron River Watershed Council is conducting site studies, and city is looking at plans for future park use.
 - ii. Friends of Prospect Park – Brad Cannon spoke on Adopting the Prospect Park Skate Park. He spoke about the park not being maintained, and how he started a successful Go Fund Me account to raise funds to support the park. He wants to improve the look and usability of the park. Councilman Murdock spoke on the development of the park over the years, and the work that was done on Ypsi Pride Day in 2016. Brad Cannon will be meeting with Director Ernat of Economic Development and Director Kirton of Public Services to develop a plan to maintain the Skate Park.
The Commission tabled the vote on the approval of Brad Cannon’s Adpot A Park Application until the Commission’s January meeting.
 - iii. Heritage – No Updates
 - b. Friends Groups Updates - No Updates
 - c. City of Ypsilanti Updates – No Updates
 - d. Commission Sponsored events
 - i. Friday Movie Night - Currently Running
 - ii. Ypsilanti River Day Update – No Updates

5. New Business

- a. Partnership with Ann Arbor YMCA – Commissioner Sweet spoke about a meeting with the Ann Arbor YMCA, whose charter serves all of Washtenaw County. This partnership will begin in the Spring to host one outdoor fitness class per month in city parks. The class will rotate parks, and will occur on Saturday's.
- b. Touch A Truck Event – Commissioner Sweet discussed the opportunity to put together a Touch A Truck event for the city. Director Ernat mentioned that Washtenaw County Parks and Ypsilanti Community Schools already partner on a Touch A Truck event hosted at Ypsilanti High School in the late summer.
- c. Elections – Commission Elections will be held in February.

6. Partner Updates

- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – No Updates
- b. Bike Ypsi – No Updates
- c. Non- Motorized – No Updates
- d. WCPR – Rec Center Status Update – Will not be built, confirmed by Director Ernat.

7. Other Business

- a. Edith Hefley Park: Play Equipment – Ward 2 Guests – Normal Park Residents attended to discuss the equipment in the Edith Hefley Tot Lot. Many residents expressed concerns of the new equipment not being as fun and entertaining for the children. The slide is not ideal for toddlers, and there is no opportunity for the children to climb according to the park using residents.
Director Ernat talked about the residents adopting the park and completing an Adopt A Park Application to be submitted to the Commission.

8. Adjournment – Motion was made by Cathy Thorburn, and seconded by Evan Sweet to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm with the next meeting being Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Ave.