



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: August 8, 2017

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Spark East 215 W. Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48197

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm, August 8, 2017 at Spark East 215 W. Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Commissioners in attendance were Conan Malmer, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn Kurt Kohlmann, and Ashanti Harris. Also present was Joe Meyer, City of Ypsilanti Commission Liaison and visitor Colette Hemker from YMCA.
2. **Approval of Agenda** Motion of approval by Commissioner Malmer and seconded by Commissioner Barrie.
3. **Approval of Minutes** June's minutes motion of approval by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Barrie. July's minutes motion of approval by Commissioner Malmer and seconded by Commissioner Barrie.
4. **Introductions and Public Comment:** None
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt-A-Park updates**
 - i. **Candy Cane-** Commissioner Sweet has been in email contact with Peter Church. Peter stated that they have raised \$200 for flowers to plant in the area of the tennis court. There is also interest in putting up an historical marker to recognize the first female allowed to play little league with boys. There was a request through the park Facebook page to have mulch delivered for safety and attractiveness. The City will be contacted to look into the situation.
 - ii. **Pennisular** Park-Anne Brown is looking into have a youth group connected with Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to pick up trash. They will participate before Fall is over. Commissioner Sweet spoke with Brad about the hole in the pavilion and Brad is aware of the issue.
 - iii. **Prospect Park-** Commissioner Sweet sent the check from EMU to the Prospect Skate Park as a donation to their cause.

- iv. **Frog Island-** The Bronze Beauties are looking to recruit more members to help with the clean up. They are still committed to working one day a month

b. Friends Groups Updates

- i. **Rutherford Pool-** Commissioner Thorburn reported that it has been a cooler summer than expected. Numbers are likely down. She also reported on the Meet Up and Eat Up program that Food Gatherers asked the pool to host.
- ii. **Senior Center-** Commissioner Sweet stated there hadn't been a meeting since his last report. He said that \$500 was brought in with \$300 of it being profit. The Center is also hosting a quilt raffle. Tickets are on sale through the Heritage Festival. \$1400 has been raised so far.
- iii. **Ypsilanti Baseball Project-** Commissioner Malmer reported that he will be working on Parkridge and the two fields at Recreation Park this weekend. He will have water sprayed on the soil and turn over the soil in hopes of keeping the weeds contained. Delux Rental has donated equipment.

c. City of Ypsilanti Updates

City liaison Meyers reported on the \$125,000 grant from Washtenaw County that was awarded to the City for the playground to be built in Riverside Park. A final design will need to be presented at a public hearing. Commissioner Barrie will attend a meeting tomorrow and report back to the commission.

d. Commission Sponsored Events

- i. **Ypsilanti Fall River Day** September 24th Commissioner Sweet distributed flyers, posters and bookmarks for the event. There is still an issue regarding where the take out will be.

e. Recreation Programming

- i. **Ann Arbor YMCA Partnership-** Colette reported that attendance in the adult summer programming in the park has increased since Blue Cross sent their letter out regarding paying for the event. Sept 19 in Candy Cane park is Hula Hooping and October 16 is Zumba in Riverside Park.
 - ii. **EMU Partnerships** Commissioner Sweet is in contact with EMU to see if something could be established.
- f. **Parkridge Soccer Field-** Commissioner Sweet has reached out but nothing
- g. **EMU Park Donation-** Commissioner Sweet mailed the check to them.

- h. **Heritage Festival Park Project** A specific project for the donated money has not yet been chosen. Three possibilities are donation to the playground, signage or bike racks.
 - i. **mParks ticket Program** Commissioner Sweet has a form to be filled out and then a \$1 for each ticket will be donated to the parks and \$1 to mParks.
 - j. **Other Old Business** Commissioner Malmer asked about the trashing of parks after rentals. We all wondered if more trash cans could be provided, renters could be help accountable or if DPW could pickup on Saturday or Sunday.
6. **New Business**
- a. **Detroit Zoo Ticket Program**-nothing to report
 - b. **LeadHERship** Anne Brown and Amanda Edmonds will be speaking at the mParks event. It is open to the public.
7. **Partner Updates**
- a. **Ypsilanti Trail Town** Anne Brown will email Commissioner Sweet when there is a new meeting set up.
8. **Other Business** Kyle Hunter was nominated to be on the board at the last City Council meeting. He will be approved at the next one.
9. **Commissioner Comments** None
10. **Adjournment** Commissioner Kohlmann moved for adjournment at 8:12 and Commissioner Malmer seconded.

Next meeting is September 12. Place to be determined.