



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: October 10, 2017

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St, Ypsilanti MI 48197

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm, October 10, 2017 at the Senior Center located at 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Commissioners in attendance were Evan Sweet, Linda Horne, Ben Connor Barrie, Conan Malmer and Kurt Kohlmann. Also present was Joe Meyers, City of Ypsilanti Commission Liaison. Guests Anne Brown, Sierra Sharpe, Christina Nell, Sally Elmiger
2. **Approval of Agenda** Motion of approval by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Malmer.
3. **Approval of** Motion of approval by Commissioner Horne and seconded by Commissioner Barrie.
4. **Introductions/Public Comment** Sally Elmier of Carlisle Wartman, representing the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) spoke on the water trail towns plan. HRWC is requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission members review the water trail town master plan and consider adopted it as part of our parks and recreation master plan. HRWC is requesting for edits by November 1 and request that you send all recommendations to Anne Brown. The commission requested Joe Meyers look into the process of amending the Parks and Recreation Plan and see if we can incorporate the water trail town plan into the existing recreation plan.
The Commission also requested Mr. Meyers add the minutes from August to our November Meeting.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt A Park Updates**
 - i. Candy Cane Park-Evan informed the commission that the wood chips have been delivered to the park and the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department work crew helped spread the chips. The board also spoke on how there was a need to tackle the weeds in the park.

- ii. Peninsular Park-read above Frog Island –Bronze Beauties are still cleaning up and have 5-6 volunteers helping.

b. Friends Group Updates

- i. Rutherford Pool Commissioner Thorburn emailed an update on the pool. The pool is still looking at potential renovations at the pool. They are also looking at how to better address the needs of southside. They are trying not to duplicate services but would like to make an impact there.
- ii. Senior Center- Commissioner Sweet that the senior center is still looking at adopting a 501c3 for the organization and are working with a lawyer to do so.
- iii. Ypsi Baseball Project No report
- iv. Fall River Days - Commissioner Sweet reported that the event was more successful than last year with 75 people and 55 boats going down the river. The commission spoke on how to expand the event for next year. The Commission thanked Evan Sweet for the hard work he put into make the event a success.

- c. City of Ypsilanti Updates-** Mr. Meyers reported that the commission had to formally adopt the meeting location change. Motion by Commissioner Malmer, supported by Commissioner Barrie to move the Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings from the Ypsilanti Downtown Library to the Senior Center. Discussion also ensued over the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and how to amend it. The commission requested that Staff give a presentation on the master plan at the next meeting and how to specifically insert things into it. Discussion also ensued over the commission and bylaws. No one can remember if the commission has bylaws. Joe informed the commission that he would put together some sample draft bylaws for the next meeting.

d. EMU Internship Program

- i. Evan Sweet introduced the two EMU Board Interns that would be helping out the commission in the next coming months. Evan indicated that they would be helping with facebook, researching grants, putting together a new commissioner packet and investigating committees.
- ii. EMU Partnerships-nothing

- e. Parkridge Park Soccer Field** the gentleman who brought the idea has not done any follow up.

- f. Heritage Festival Park Projects** No new updates to report at this time.

- g. Facebook** Keep posting activities

- h. **Other Old Business-** Watershed Council has put up three signs in Frog Island to indicate it is a take out and put in area. Signs are the size of a typical parking sign.

6. New Business

- a. Park Recycling Amanda Marshall, a nominee to the commission asked about recycling in the parks. Discussion ensued over parks funding and priorities. Discussion also ensued over having a group paint the existing park waste bins.

7. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

- 8. Adjournment 8:29** Motion of adjournment by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann. Next meeting Oct. 10 at the Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St, Ypsilanti MI, 48197