



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: November 14, 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 7:10pm, November 14, 2017 at Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Commissioners in attendance were Evan Sweet, Delois Wilson, Ashanti Harris, Ben Barrie and Cathy Thorburn. Also present were Joe Meyer, City of Ypsilanti Commission Liaison and YMCA liaison, Colette Hemker.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion of approval by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Harris.
3. **Approval of Minutes** from August and October were motioned for approval by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Barrie.
4. **Introductions and Public Comment:** None
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Adopt-A-Park updates**
 - i. **Candy Cane**-Peter Church requested more woodchips from Department of Public Services, spreading of the woodchips and weeding in the park by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Work Program. DPS has already used up the woodchip supply and it is too late in the season to weed. Commissioner Sweet will contact the Sheriff's Office in the Spring to request for their help.
 - ii. **Peninsular Park**- Eagle Scout Project has been cancelled due to the project not being up to new building compliances and regulations. A hand rail would have to be added along with upgraded materials and grading.
 - iii. **Frog Island**-Bronze Beauties are still cleaning up.
 - b. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** Commissioner Thorburn reported that the Friends group is still working on plans for a new or remodeled bathhouse. With the \$10,000 payment from City the financials for the year are not in bad shape. A day of giving campaign will start tonight.
 - ii. **Senior Center** Commissioner Wilson reported that work is still being done on the By-laws and pursuit of 501c(3). December 2, 2017 the Senior Center will host a jewelry sale as a fundraiser.

- iii. **Ypsi Baseball Project** No report
 - c. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Commissioner Liaison Meyers reported that the Waterstreet Trail is still not open. Waiting for the MDEQ to report back. More fencing need to be put up.
 - d. **Commission Sponsored Events**
 - i. **Fall River Day-** Commissioner Sweet met with Pam from the Huron River Watershed Council. This years event was very successful. It was discussed that some change in vendors should be changed. The Birds of Prey, Huron-Clinton Metro Parks were very successful. Tentative dates for 2018 are 9/23 and 9/30. More help is being requested to help coordinate the marketing, vendors and canoe trips. We can use the same route next year. More boats and another trailer will be requested. If more money is to be requested from the Washtenaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau it needs to be run by Commissioner liaison Meyer. They will meet again in January.
 - e. **Recreation Programming**
 - i. **Ann Arbor YMCA Partnership**-Summer Park Fitness Commissioner Sweet and YMCA representative Hemker will meet to do some advance planning for next year. Blue Cross Complete needs to start sooner in recruiting and passing out information.
 - ii. **EMU Partnerships**- Commissioner Sweet has been in contact with Kristie Teasdale from EMU Recreation Department regarding programming.
 - f. **Heritage Festival Park Projects** –no movement
 - g. **Trail Town Strategic Plan** –Will meet on Friday Nov. 17 If there are edits on the Ypsilanti Trail Town Strategic Plan get them to Commissioner Sweet ASAP.
 - h. **New Commissioner Packet** a brief draft has been started and will be presented at the Dec. 12 meeting.
 - i. **By-laws and Committees** Liaison Meyer sent out a sample copy of by-laws. Commissioners should look over the draft and make comments or suggestions by Dec. 5 so that he has time to make corrections and send it out.
 - j. **Other Old Business**-None
- 6. New Business**
- a. **Trial Town Meeting**- see above
 - b. **Scotts Grant**- Deadline is tomorrow, and Commission will not make it. Discussion over which park would benefit the most. Grant is easy to fill out and might have gifts of up to \$50,000.
 - c. **2018 Meeting Schedule**- Was presented in an earlier email. Second Tuesday of the month and all meetings at the Senior Center for now. Will be finalized at Dec. 12 meeting

- d. **Red Wings Partnership-** Olympia Entertainment will issue a code so that MParks will earn a \$1.00 and Ypsilanti Parks will earn \$4.00 on each ticket sold under the code.
- e. **EMU Greek Life Street Clean Up Project** They have already cleaned up one area, great improvement
- f. **Commission Logo** Commissioner liaison Meyer is looking into the possibility of having a logo.

7. Partner Updates

- a. **Ypsilanti Trail Updates** See above

8. **Other Business** YMCA liaison Hemker reported that they may need to find an alternative spot for their summer camp programming. If you know of a spot with shelter, bathrooms and a playground let her know.

9. Commissioner Comments/Announcements None

10. **Adjournment-** Commissioner Wilson moved for adjournment at 8:02 and Commissioner Barrie seconded.

Next meeting is December 12, 7pm at the Ypsilanti Senior Center (1015 N. Congress St, Ypsilanti MI 48197)