



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: August 12, 2018

Time: 7:00pm.

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

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
2. **Roll Call** Commissioners present were Ben Connor-Barrie, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ashanti Harris and City Staff Representative Bonnie Wessler from the Planning Department.
3. **Approval of Agenda**- Due to lack of quorum this has been postponed to next meeting
4. **Approval of the Minutes**- Due to lack of quorum this has been postponed to next meeting
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** No guests
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt-A Park Updates** Commissioner Sweet reported that the St. Luke's Lutheran Church had around 30 people spread out between Parkridge and Carrie Mattingly parks for general weeding and brush trimming. There is a skate park proposal meeting on August 17 at the Skate shop on Michigan Ave.
 - b. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** \$266,000 of \$300,000 has been raised towards the grant proposal. Triathlon was a huge success with 90 participants and over \$2500 raised.
 - ii. **Senior Center**-Corn Roast was well attended. Dollars raised was not known.
 - c. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Bonnie Wessler reported that the Water Street Trail has rocks on order but still have not arrived. Riverside Park Play area is proceeding. A contractor has been secured. Final selection of equipment is occurring. EMU will work on building some "artistic" benches.
 - d. **Park Priority Projects and Commission Goals**-Commissioner Sweet will type of the notes from the tours taken of the parks by the Commissioners and have that available for discussion. Commissioner Thorburn reported that that woodchips have been added to the Recreation Park play structure.
 - e. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Park Projects & Funding**- None

- b. **Programming, Events & Communication-** Commissioner Sweet reported that around 10 people attended the YMCA Yoga in Candy Cane Park. There is one more event in September. Walking in Riverside Park. Fall River day meeting is tomorrow. Commissioner Sweet will send out a sign up genius for commissioners to sign up to help at the event. Almost all participants are confirmed. The Sustainability Committee has asked that recycling cans be added next to trashcans. Discussion next meeting when there is a quorum to see if the Parks Commission would like to add a resolution in support of this idea.
- c. **Adopt-A-Park Coordination & Internal Development** EMU has a service fraternity that is interested in doing some work in parks. Alpha Phi Omega.
- f. **Other old Business-** None

7. New Business

- a. **Commission Positions/Voting Tabled** til September 11th as there was no quorum.
- b. **By-Law Voting** Bonnie passed out a set of our present bylaws earlier along with a suggested set of changes. This will be made available electronically to members to preview before the next meeting. Changes addresses the quorum number and attendance policies.
- c. **Ypsilanti Skate Park**-discussed earlier

8. Other Business-None

9. Commissioner Comments/Announcements-None

10. Adjournment 7:57 pm

Next Meeting September 11, 2018