



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: September 11, 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 7:05pm
2. **Roll Call** Commissioners present were Ben Connor-Barrie, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ashanti Harris, Kurt Kohlmann, Amanda Marshall and City Staff Representative Bonnie Wessler from the Planning Department.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Commissioner Conner-Barrie moved for approval and Commissioner Harris seconded the approval. Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes-** Minutes of July and August were reviewed. June still needs to be done. Commissioner Conner-Barrie moved for approval and Commissioner Harris seconded. Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** No guests or presentations.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt-A Park Updates** Commissioner Sweet reported that the St. Luke's Lutheran Church that had around 30 people spread out between Parkridge and Carrie Mattingly parks for general weeding and brush trimming came back for a second day. Commissioner Sweet will send out photos of their work. Commissioner Conner-Barrie reported on the Frog Island Park garden. The participant that had caused some of the untidiness issues is no longer a member. They spent some money on landscaping and clean-up. Commissioner Conner-Barrie emailed Peter Church of College Heights and the Bronze Beauties regarding their Adopt A Park spots and has not heard back.
 - b. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** \$280,000 of \$300,000 has been raised towards the grant proposal. August and end of the year bills and employee bills have not been submitted from the City, yet so final financial reports are not available, yet. 151 people took the survey. Most negative responses were regarding the bath house and the cleanliness of it and the algae in the pool towards the end of the summer

ii. **Senior Center**-Commissioner Sweet reported that the new contract for rental of the Center went up from \$50 to \$65 with a guarantee increase of \$2 each year. . Senior Center meeting is September 12-tomorrow.

c. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Bonnie Wessler reported that the Water Street Trail rocks have arrived. Riverside Park Play area is proceeding and waiting until October to begin construction. This should be after all major events have taken place in the park. The City is still in discussion with the Township on recycle needs. The building will need to come down, still. Director Stan Kirton is retiring from Ypsilanti at the end of the month and possibly taking a job in Milan.

d. **Park Priority Projects and Commission Goals**-None to report. Commissioner Marshall asked about the tennis court nets at Parkridge. Commissioner Sweet informed her that they were misused and Parkridge is trying to decided how to store them. She commented on the weeds on the playground and Commissioner Sweet reported that is the way most of the parks are and that he had seen volunteers helping to weed. She also inquired about the water fountain and was informed that none of the parks have running water.

e. **Committee Updates**

a. **Park Projects & Funding**- None

b. **Programming, Events & Communication**- Commissioner Sweet reported that the last YMCA event took place in Riverside Park. He did not know the number of participants. Fall River day posters and book marks were distributed to Commissioners to distribute. All events are set except for one as the provider does not have a person to send. Different programming is being looked into by Commissioner Conner-Barrie. Mlive mistakenly marketed it as a County event. Commissioners have been asked to use the Sign Up Genius site to volunteer through and to pass it on that we need help. The

c. **Adopt-A-Park Coordination & Internal Development**
None

f. **Skate Park Update** No commissioners attended the second public meeting on the skate park. Per Ms. Wessler it appears they want the input from skaters before the general public. They are working with the City regarding areas of interest.

g. **Other old Business**- None

7. **New Business**

a. **Commission Positions/Voting** Commissioner Sweet accepted the nomination of Chairman and was voted in.

Commissioner Harris was nominated as Vice-Chair and was voted in. Commissioner Thorburn was nominated as secretary and was voted in.

- b. **By-Law Voting** Bonnie passed out a set of our updated proposed bylaws Commissioner Barrie-Conner moved for acceptance after discussion and Commissioner Marshall seconded. Passed
- c. **Recycling Resolution** Sustainability Committee has asked that recycling cans be added next to trashcans. The Parks Commission will issue a resolution regarding our support of the idea. Commissioner Marshall will draft a resolution for presentation to City Council.

8. **Other Business**-None

9. **Commissioner Comments/Announcements**-None

10. **Adjournment** Moved by Commissioner Kolhmann and seconded by Commissioner Barrie-Conner 7:55pm

Next meeting Oct. 9th at the Ypsilanti Senior Center at 7pm.