



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2020

Time: 7:00pm.

Location: Meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 closure. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Bonnie Wessler. The meeting was held one week later than normal due to a scheduling conflict.

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:09pm
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Dillion Navarre and Amanda Marshall were all present. Commissioners Cherisa Allen, Kurt Kohlmann and Julia Collins were absent. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present
3. **Approval of Agenda**- Agenda was moved by Commissioner Navarre and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –August 11, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Navarre seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed.
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & None**
6. **Old Business** None
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** Commissioner Thorburn reported. FORP Board is sent a letter out to members and supportive pool people. The report from the architect is that it is hoped that the project will be done by end of Oct. More work was needed based on the roof removal. Inside has been primed for painting and outside wall treatment has been decided upon.
 - ii. **Senior Center**- Commissioner Sweet reported. Still doing online/virtual classes. Not sure when they can open back up. A quilt raffle raised over \$4,000 which is more than in previous year's raffles Job descriptions are being generated so that any grant proposals for staffing and turnover purposes.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Ms Wessler reported on progress of Candy Cane park play structure. Dirt was harder to with than thought. Sidewalk will be poured after the play structure is done hopefully end of October. Parkridge Park had their voting on a play structure plan. Contracts have been signed. Work should begin soon. Safety measures mentioned in Park Plan have started to take place in Parkridge Park. Community has come together to work on the basketball court (weeding, trash removal). Frog Island project is being overseen by the Washtenaw County Parks

and Recreation Commission. Stakes have been put in so work is beginning. Concrete for the mParks projects for three bike repair stations (Parkridge, Senior Center and Market Plaza) should begin. Sidewalk along Michigan Avenue near Water Street has been completed. Two of the three long lost historic interpretive signs about the motor city heritage were found. They will be installed.

9. New Business

A. Annual Report- Commissioners were to have reviewed the Annual Report. Minor grammatical errors were pointed out. Commissioner Sweet and Bonnie Wessler will meet by phone to review the projects that were completed during the physical year.

B. Bee Garden Eagle Scout project was approved for the Senior Center. Scout will work with the Master Gardeners, Monica from the Center and Ron Ayers from the City.

10. Other Business-

A. YMCA A sports rental and sport introduction program has been taking place in several township parks and Prospect Park. It will be expanded to Parkridge Park.

B. Eagle Scout Project-another project has been requested. A scout would like to build a Ga Ga Ball pit in Ypsilanti. Commissioner Sweet will contact the scout with proposals of a tot lot, Recreation Park, Candy Cane or Parkridge Park.

C. 5K People can register through the end of the month. We are currently tied for 1st place with 16 registrants and donations. Commissioner Sweet will put a Facebook post together that can be shared out.

D. City Newsletter Jada a fellow with the City will take news items for the newsletter .

11. Commissioner Comments/Announcements=

None

12. Adjournment 7:50pm

Next Meeting: October 13, 2020 Not sure of the location due to COVID-19 restrictions.