



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2021

Time: 7pm.

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.

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners with new procedure of location and county of person while on Zoom meeting. Present were Evan Sweet (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Cathy Thorburn (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Ben Connor-Barrie (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Kurt Kohlmann (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Dillion Navarre (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County and Brian Merlos (City of Lansing, Ingham County), Julia Collins (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County). Bonnie Wessler from the City was present along with City Council member Steve Wilcoxon.
3. **Approval of Agenda**- It was amended to add an item to New Business and then moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –November 9, 2021, minutes. Moved for approval by Commissioner Navarre and Commissioner Connor-Barrie seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** – None
6. **City of Ypsilanti Updates.**
7. Mr. Wilcoxon reported there will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday to introduce Community Benefits Ordinance. Two new developments will be going in near Penninsular Park with one that has access to the river. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to be on a committee and the rest of the committee will be filled by appointees.

Ms. Wessler reported that work is winding down due to the winter season. Border to Border Grove Road section has been opened. The DPW will rearrange job duties in the department for assignments to the Parks.

7. Friends Group Updates

- i. **Rutherford Pool** -The FORP board solicited help from volunteers with the webpage. Commissioner Thorburn attended the Kiwanis 100-year-old birthday

celebration. She found the information regarding the creation of some of the City's parks interesting.

ii. Senior Center- \$3,000 was raised in the quilt raffle. The 60th anniversary of the center was held. The drive through celebration and a box of goodies handed out. An outdoor Spring celebration will be held.

8. Old Business- None

9. New Business

a. 2022 Meeting Schedule- Tuesday night has been in conflict with City Council meetings. We will be changing to the third Monday of the month when possible. January we will not meet due to it being MLK, Jr. day. The meetings will also be now held at City Hall but audience participation will still be virtual. Adoption of new schedule was moved by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Collins. Roll call vote. Passed

b. mParks Annual Awards-Commissioners should think of nominations for a staff member, printed material or facility design. The nomination for Rutherford Pool will be resubmitted as the facility was in operation this year. The Jazz Fest held in Riverside Park was mentioned as a possibility for the Event nomination. Bonnie Wessler was mentioned as a nomination for Staff Member category.

c. Annual Report Ms. Wessler shared the rough draft of the Annual Report that will be presented to the council after correction and additions are made. This is used during goal setting meetings and budget construction. After corrections and additions are made Commissioner Conner-Barrie moved that we accept the Annual Report. Commissioner Collins seconded. Roll Call vote. Passed

10. Other Business/Commissioner Comments/Announcements None

11. Adjournment 7:51

Next Meeting: 7:00pm February 21, 2022 City Council chambers at 101 S. Huron St. Ypsilanti, Mi 48197