

1. October Agenda

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[2022-10 PRC STAFF AGENDA.PDF](#)

2. September Minutes

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[2022-09 MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.PDF](#)

3. Huron River Day 2022 Recap

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[2022-10 FALL RIVER DAY 2022 RECAP.PDF](#)

Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, 17 October 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
Ypsilanti Senior Center – 1015 Congress St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Dillon Navarre, Chair	P	A
Brian Merlos, Vice Chair	P	A
Cathy Thorburn, Secretary	P	A
Ben Connor-Barrie	P	A
Tarik Fermin	P	A
Blake Harrity	P	A
Lola Malmer	P	A

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

- September 2022

V. Audience Participation

Open for general public comment. Please limit to five minutes.

VI. Presentations

VII. Old Business

- Fall River Day updates (see attached)

VIII. New Business

- Annual report

IX. City of Ypsilanti Updates

X. Facility Partner Updates

- Rutherford Pool
- Senior Center
- Parkridge Community Center

XI. Future Business Discussion / Updates & Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Meeting

Date: September 19, 2022

Time: 7pm.

Location: Meeting was held at the Council chambers in City Hall at 1 S. Huron Ypsilanti, Mi 48197. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Bonnie Wessler

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Navarre called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. **Roll Call** Present were, Cathy Thorburn, Dillon Navarre, Brian Merlos, Blake Harrity Youth Commissioner Lola Malmer and Tarik Fermin. Absent Ben Connor-Barrie City of Ypsilanti Bonnie Wessler and City Council member and liaison Evan Sweet were present.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** It was moved by Commissioner Navarre and seconded by Commissioner Merlos to approve the agenda. vote passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – August 15, 2022, minutes. Moved for approval by Commissioner Thorburn and Commissioner Merlos seconded approval. vote passed
5. **Audience Participation**-None
6. **Presentations**– None
7. **Old Business**

Fall River Day update This coming Sunday. Please sign up to help. Many more kayaks will be available this year. Turn around rate should be faster. Many groups will be there for entertainment and educational purposes. MParks grant is paying for the event.

8. **New Business- Annual Report.** Commissioners Navarre and Merlos will look at the information and work together to create the document. Ideally, it should be done by December or January before the goal setting meeting of the City Council.
9. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Ms Wessler reported that Riverside Park dock and gazebo are being repaired. Ms Wessler has been hired as the new DPS director. DPS is hiring. A CDL is needed or be willing to get one.

10. Friends Group Updates

i. **Rutherford Pool** – The wrap up of the pool has begun. We are looking for a new business to help us with that. It has been reported that we are likely going to be the recipient of the grant again for free swim lessons. We will look into how to revamp the registration system and how lessons are offered.

ii. **Senior Center** no representatives

iii. **Parkridge** no representatives

Commission Thorburn will look into emailing the two groups to see if they can provide a written report if no one can attend the meetings.

11. **Other Business/Commissioner Comments/Announcements** Commissioner Navarre reported that the sorority installed the little library in Riverside Park.

12. Adjournment 7:33pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm October 17 2022 City Council chambers at 1 S. Huron St. Ypsilanti, Mi 48197



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FALL RIVER DAY 2022 REPORT

EVENT OVERVIEW

Ypsilanti Fall River Day, held on Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 12pm-3pm featured free kayak trips from Frog Island Park to just north of Ford Lake. The event also featured a "Hunters of the Sky" presentation from the Leslie Science & Nature Center and an educational program on river wildlife by the Huron Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center. Other exhibitors included the Huron River Watershed Council, Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, Ypsi Native Plant Nursery, the Ypsilanti District Library and the Ypsilanti Township Recreation Department

BUDGET OVERVIEW

This years event was funded by a grant from mParks (Michigan Recreation and Park Association)

Direct Event Expenses:

Kayak Trips - \$4,440.00

DJ - \$400.00

Hunters of the Sky Show - \$316.24

Face Painter - \$225.00

Marketing Materials - \$2,039.78

HRWC Staffing - \$1,005.00

Total Event Expenses: \$8,426.02

FALL RIVER DAY BY THE NUMBERS

134

people kayaked the
Huron River

9

local organizations &
exhibitors participated

1.4

miles of Huron River
traveled per boat