

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Commission
Monday, 19 December 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
City Hall, Council Chambers – 1 S Huron 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

Vice Chair Merlos motions to approve the agenda, Commissioner Harrity seconds. Motion carries on a voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Harrity motions to approve, Vice Chair Merlos seconds, motion carries on voice vote.

V. Audience Participation

None

VI. Presentations

None

VII. Old Business

- Draft annual report(s) (see attached)
 - Vice Chair Merlos: is it too picture heavy?
 - Commissioner Connor Barrie: it looks like a good mix of data and pictures. Gives a good image of the parks.
 - Chair Navarre: highlights good aspects of parks. Information on event permits. Good balance with 2022 Annual Report: Parks & Recreation Commission, which is much more detailed and totally lacks pictures.
 - Commissioner Connor Barrie: when does it need to be finalized?
 - Public Services Director Wessler: in time for council goal setting which needs to be done by Jan 10.
 - Vice Chair Merlos: this is basically ready to go. I just need to update the 2023 goals.
 - Chair Navarre: we could also add "continuing Fall River Day Event" to priorities

- for 2023.
 - Commissioner Connor Barrie: motion to approve the report as written with the changes we discussed. Commissioner Harrity seconds. Motion carries with a voice vote.
- mParks award
 - Chair Navarre: We received award for Bill Anhut memorial field. Great work Commissioners Harrity and Malmer. We need to let them know by Feb. 15 who will be attending.
 - Chair Navarre: we might be able to get CM Sweet an award once he gets to 10 years of membership in Mparks.

VIII. New Business

IX. City of Ypsilanti Updates

- Public Services Director Wessler: City is working on Spark application.
- Vice Chair Merlos what does the spring opening pattern look like?
- Public Services Director Wessler: In spring we start picking up more trash more frequently. Shift from plowing to mowing. In May we turn water back on. Parks season really starts in May.

X. Facility Partner Updates

·None

XI. Future Business Discussion / Updates & Announcements

- Chair Navarre: thanks to everyone who stepped up in light of all the changes in the year.
- Commissioner Harrity: can we apply for more Spark grants?
- Public Services Director Wessler: we can be more aggressive for grants for Frog Island and Riverside park because we know Washtenaw County Parks can help out.

XII. Adjournment

- **Adjourned at 725**