

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBUARY 3, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

Commission Chair Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Civic Center’s Board Room

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Edward Burnett, Elizabeth Corder, Gloria Peterson, David Streeter, and Debbie Swanson

Commissioners Not Present: Brad Cannon and Sage Pazyamor

Staff Present: Mike Hoffmeister and Angela Verges

Township Board Members Present: Monica Ross-Williams

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Peterson

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2020

Motion to approve January 6, 2020 minutes made by Peterson

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

Trustee Monica Ross-Williams spoke on the location for a possible dog park. She appreciates the due diligence that the park commission did on moving this project forward. She expressed thanks and appreciation for the par commission’s work.

Tajalli Hodge shared information about the event that was held in Sugarbrook Park. She said about 240 people attended the event. There was a bounce house and books were distributed to children. The event was organized through a partnership with the Neighborhood Relationships Committee and Habitat for Humanity.

VII. Reports

A. Commissioner Reports

None

B. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister shared the following updates:

1. The Hewen’s Creek Signage Project is completed.
2. Burns Park tennis court bids are out.
3. Community Center flooring request for bids will be in the 2/18 trustee packets.
4. Staff will be exploring getting technology to process entrance fees to parks on credit/debit cards.

Angela Verges shared the following update:

1. The township is working with the YMCA to provide mobile recreation programs in neighborhood parks called Y on the Fly.
2. The township is also collaborating with the YMCA on day care programming.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Dog Park

Dog park subcommittee (park commission representatives Streeter and Swanson working with trustee representatives Jarrell Roe and Ross-Williams) has completed the work to make a recommendation for a dog park location. The sub committee recommends exploring a pilot dog park at the park land at the east end of Lakeside Park between the EMU boathouse and the party store.

Peterson had questions about fencing, a drinking water source, and activities for dogs.

If it is determined that this location would be a viable location for a pilot dog park, fencing will need to be installed.

Trustee Ross-Williams shared that Swift Run dog park in Ann Arbor does not have an onsite water source. People bring jugs of water with them when they visit the park with their dogs. She also shared that there is fencing around the park as well as internal fencing for a small dog area. There are poles installed for bags to clean up dog waste.

Motion to recommend the township board of trustees investigate the Lakeside Park location for a pilot dog park made by Streeter

Seconded by Peterson

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Special Event Application & Policy

Hoffmeister gave an overview of the changes made at request of the park commission after reviewing and discussing the draft policy at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

Motion of support for the Special Event Application & Policy made by Swanson

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

C. LPI Publishing Service Agreement

Motion of support for the LPI Publishing Service Agreement made by Peterson

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Grove Road Phase 2

Hoffmeister shared plans and maps showing the pathway revisions.

Motion of support for the Grove Street Pathway Revision made by Swanson

Seconded by Peterson

Motion Carried Unanimously

IX. New Business

None

X. Announcements

March 2nd meeting is scheduled in the Civic Center cafeteria area.

XI. Recommendations to the Township Board

Motion to recommend the township board of trustees investigate the Lakeside Park location for a pilot dog park made by Streeter
Seconded by Peterson Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion of support for the Special Event Application & Policy made by Swanson
Seconded by Burnett Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion of support for the LPI Publishing Service Agreement made by Peterson
Seconded by Burnett Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion of support for the Grove Street Pathway Revision made by Swanson
Seconded by Peterson Motion Carried Unanimously

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Peterson
Seconded by Burnett Motion Carried Unanimously
Meeting Adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Minutes Taken and Prepared by Debbie Swanson, park commissioner
Minutes Approved by Park Commission on March 2nd 2020