

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

Commission Chair Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. via virtual public Zoom meeting.

II. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Not Present: Brad Cannon, Elizabeth Corder, and Sage Pazyamor

Staff Present: Mike Hoffmeister, Angela Verges, and Robin Castle-Hine

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 – July 7, 2020

Motion to approve July 7, 2020 minutes made by Peterson

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

*August 3, 2020 a quorum of the park commission was not present at the meeting.

VI. Citizens Participation

None

VII. Reports

A. Commissioner Reports

Peterson shared that the tennis and pickle ball courts in Ford Lake Park have been in full use. She said resident had expressed interest in the possibility of having the use of indoor courts. Verges shared that M, W, F from noon – 2:00pm indoor courts are available at the Community Center.

Burnett shared that the Skate Park is in full use. He asked about the possibility of increasing the number of trash receptacles near the skate park.

B. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister gave a report/update to commissioners including information on the Burns Park Tennis Court project nearing completion, Loonfeather Stormwater Replacement project completed, Loonfeather/Grove Road Trail project is in process, North Hydro Trail head project - Michigan Trust Fund grant application is in process, Skate Park Project is complete – very small (due to CoVid 19) ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on September 16th, Tribute to Art Serafini – Community Center Ball Park naming will take place in the future – Golf Outing will be held at Green Oaks on October 10th as a fundraiser for a parks and rec scholarship program in Serafini's name.

Angela Verges gave a report including the recreation center is working with the YCMA on a Y on the Fly collaboration with Sugarbrook Park and a creating learning lab in the Community Center for

students needing support while doing school online. The Community Center will be reopening September 28th for walking and some programming.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Dog Park

Streeter attended a board of trustees meeting to discuss the dog park and the park commission's location recommendation. At this point, Hoffmeister and staff will be working on getting this project moving forward and thinking about potential locations. Streeter will stay in contact with Hoffmeister and update the park commission. Swanson expressed the desire to make sure the location is centrally located to allow access for all residents and a location in a community park space rather than a neighborhood park to increase accessibility as well.

IX. New Business

A. Eagle Scout Project

Deacon Bent attended the park commission meeting to share information about his Eagle Scout Project. He is from Ypsilanti Troop 290. The goal of his project is to place 12 pet waste stations in 5 different township parks. He has completed fundraising efforts to pay for the cost of the project. The proposed work days to complete the project are in October.

X. Announcements

XI. Recommendations to the Township Board

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Swanson

Seconded by Burnett

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously