

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 REGULAR MEETING**

*Park Commission Agendas and Minutes are available on the township website at <https://ytown.org/park-commission>*

**I. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. via virtual public Zoom meeting.

**II. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Brad Hine, Tajalli Hodge, Darrell Kirby, Jeff Neel, Brad O’Conner, Star Smith, David Streeter

**Commissioners Not Present:** none

**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 Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve October 5, 2020 minutes made by Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

\*November 2, 2020 a quorum of the park commission was not present at the meeting.

**VI. Citizens Participation**

JoAnn McCollum – President of the New West Willow Neighborhood Association, shared that she appreciates the work Commissioner Hodge has done for the community, pleased to have her as a new commissioner.

Sarah Teare – Habitat for Humanity, supported all the work in the community performed by Commissioner Hodge, pleased that Commissioner Hodge is involved, and that Commissioner Hodge coordinated efforts to pass out youth activity packs over the summer.

Ceara Murtagh – Habitat for Humanity, amazed with the work done at Township Parks. Shared that she has worked with Commissioner Hodge in West Willow neighborhood and Sugarbrook.

Supported Commissioner Hodges efforts with the Sugarbrook Summerfest, and that she is a supporter of the Township Parks.

Jimmie Wilson – Ypsilanti Township Trustee, wanted to thank the new commissioners for taking on their new role, that the Park Commission is in good hands with staff liaisons Mike Hoffmeister and Angie Verges, and that he is available anytime if needed.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Hodge shared info on grant money received for social distancing signage that has been placed in several parks to support safe playgrounds.

Commissioner Streeter shared an update on dog parks, ongoing discussions with full time staff and the potential for assistance from outside firms for the installation of a dog park.

## **B. Staff Reports**

Mike Hoffmeister gave an update that he is working on recreating the Township's Helpful Handbook which is currently sent out once a year. Interested in the potential of making it a full-page magazine, possibly quarterly. Would like to use it as an opportunity to highlight recreation, golf, and updates for Township residents. Hoffmeister stated that Green Oaks Golf Course is closed for the season, rounds played at the course are up from previous years, and info is available for Commissioners if requested. Park Winterization is almost complete.

Angela Verges gave an update on the Art Serafinski Scholarship fund, approximately \$8,000 dollars raised from the September 16<sup>th</sup> golf outing at Green Oaks Golf Course, and the ball field dedication sign in Art Serafinski's memory has been installed. Verges stated that the Operation Christmas Child is going on with support from a local congregation collecting gifts for 30 local families.

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

**None**

## **IX. New Business**

Election of Officers for 2021

Chair:

Hodge: self-nomination for chair

Hine: Nominates Streeter for chair: Streeter accepts nomination

Roll Call Vote - Commissioner Hine: Streeter. Commissioner Hodge: Hodge. Commissioner Kirby:

Streeter. Commissioner Neel: Streeter. Commissioner O'Conner: Hodge. Commissioner Smith:

Hodge. Commissioner Streeter: Streeter

Streeter accepts Chair seat

Vice-Chair:

Kirby nominates Hodge for Vice Chair: Hodge accepts nomination

No additional nominations

Motion to elect Commissioner Hodge Vice Chair made by Kirby:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Hodge accepts Vice chair seat

Secretary:

Motion to table election for secretary made by O'Conner

Seconded by Hodge

Motion Carried Unanimously

Treasurer:

Hodge Nominates O'Conner for Treasurer: O'Conner accepts nomination

No additional nominations

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

O'Conner accepts Treasurer seat

2021 Park Commission Meeting Dates:

Monday, January 4

Monday, February 1

Monday, March 1

Monday, April 5

Monday, May 3

Monday, June 7  
Monday, July 12  
Monday, August 2  
Monday, September 13  
Monday, October 4  
Monday, November 1  
Monday, December 6

Motion to accept the Park Commission 2021 proposed meeting schedule made by Kirby  
Seconded by Smith Motion Carried Unanimously

**X. Announcements**

None

**XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**

None

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Hine  
Seconded by O'Conner  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Minutes Taken and Prepared by David Streeter, Chair  
Minutes Approved by the Park Commission on January 4, 2021