

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021 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: 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 O’Conner

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve December 7, 2020 minutes made by Hodge

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

Trustee Debbie Swanson offered her congratulations to Park Commissioners on their election.

Added that the Park Commission is in great hands with the support of full-time staff, Mike Hoffmeister, Angie Verges, and Robin Castle-Hine

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister stated that a potential contract with Carlisle Wortman concerning dog park planning, design and installation, and potential for community engagement sessions would be brought to the Board of Trustees during their next meeting, Jan 18.

Hoffmeister shared that an initial conversation with the National Fitness Campaign would be taking place, sometime in January, concerning the potential for an outside fitness gym installation in a Township park.

Hoffmeister shared that a capital project may be required for replacement of two boat docks at Ford Lake Park. The current temporary boat docks are in storage now, and damaged. A possible replacement measure may be installation of two permanent docks.

Hoffmeister shared that Ford Lake Park and Ford Heritage Park are the only two community parks currently open daily and being maintained for snow removal. Commissioner Neel inquired about situations where a car could be closed inside the park in the evening. Robin Castle-Hine described the process if this situation were to occur, and that the park entrance/exit sign has a contact number to reach if a car has been locked in after hours.

Angie Verges shared that we are approaching the time of year where park shelter rental requests being to increase.

Verges shared that they are in talks with recreation consultants to review usage and potentials for programming. A possible focus group would be conducted via zoom, though nothing is scheduled at the moment.

B. Commissioner Reports

Vice Chair Hodge shared that she removed 5 bags of trash that was illegally dumped at Sugarbrook Park. Mike Hoffmeister was made aware of the situation, and is in talks with Mike Radzik, Township Director of Community Standards for follow up.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Election of Secretary for 2021:

Chair Streeter Nominated Commissioner Neel for Secretary

Support by Kirby

Neel accepts seat for Secretary

Motion Carried Unanimously

IX. New Business

None

X. Announcements

None

XI. Recommendations to the Township Board

None

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Minutes Taken and Prepared by David Streeter, Chair

Minutes approved by the Park Commission on February 1, 2021