

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2021 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 6:32 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 (all attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township.)

**Commissioners Not Present:** none

**Staff Present:** Angela Verges, Robin Castle-Hine

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Brad O’Conner

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve March 1, 2020 minutes made by Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Jeff Neel

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

Lindsey Skelly commented on Dog Park discussion (comments below.)

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

David Streeter for Mike Hoffmeister: 1) Loonfeather Park renovation plans out for bid. 2) Rite Aid sponsoring Covid vaccination clinic on four Saturdays in April. Clinics fill up fast but lots of reschedules so check the Township website for openings. Robin: clarification about need for insurance information – no one is billed, either insurance company or the state will pick up fee for those without insurance. 3) Debbie Aue, 50 & Beyond Coordinator, is retiring May 31. Job for Recreation Coordinator posted internally last Thursday. 4) Clubview Park resolution passed by Board of Trustees. 5) EMU rowing events scheduled at Lakeside Park on April 10,11, and 24. 6) Dog Park survey extended to 4/16. 7) Willow Run Acres Community Farm legal documents are in the Township Attorneys hands. Goal is to get this partnership in front of the Board of Trustees sometime this spring.

Angie Verges: a local Theater group will run a camp for 8 weeks this summer, mid-June through August. Township doesn’t have to promote the program; the group is simply paying us for use of the park. We will also offer a joint art program with Saline and Pittsfield. Sierra Club Nature walks have been scheduled and are listed on web site. Limited to 10 people/session and there is a small fee charged.

Robin Castle: Golf course staffed. Need additional help with park and gold course maintenance.  
Rosie the Riveter festival planning for July 24<sup>th</sup> going well: 3 food trucks, 12 vendors so far but most don't respond till Memorial Day.

**B. Commissioner Reports**

Brad O'Conner suggested we think about new national infrastructure funding in terms of applicability to parks.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

Dog park update. Survey extended until April 16. Chris Nordstrom indicated that the survey has been very popular, still collecting and analyzing data. Second survey will follow, with possible addition of different parks. Darrell Kirby posted link to social media. Citizen Lindsey Skelly asked about whether township is leaning to a particular park; prefers one with some trees for wind break.

**IX. New Business**

None.

**X. Announcements**

Tajalli Hodge: Huron Valley Group will sponsor a virtual trivia fund raiser on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Commissioner Hodge can supply a link to those who are interested.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Darrell Kirby  
Seconded by Tajalli Hodge  
Motion Carried Unanimously  
Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary  
Minutes approved by the Park Commission on May 3, 2021