

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

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**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, Jeff Neel, Brad O’Conner, David Streeter

**Commissioners Not Present:** Darrell Kirby, Starr Smith

**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 Brad Hine

Seconded by Tajalli Hodge

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes made by Jeff Neel

Seconded by Brad O’Conner

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

None.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

Mike Hoffmeister: 1) No bids for Loonfeather project. Will check with some vendors to determine why. Might cost additional \$4,000 for revised RFP. 2) Community Center Painting of floors doesn’t match walls; will approach township administration for additional fund. 3) working with Tajalli Hodge on Sugar Bush project. Received additional grants (details in Commissioner reports section.) 4) AppleRidge Park project: Willow Run Acres nonprofit interested in use for community gardens, township residents could lease plots to grown own produce. 5) State’s largest Ironwood tree in Hewen’s Park – might be largest in USA. Invested in sign.

Angela Verges: halfway through spring tennis lessons at Ford Lake Park. Very successful and popular; new session planned for summer. Park shelter rental applications coming in. Our bid for the \$2500 Archery grant was not successful; won by Romulus. Looking for soccer officials for adult soccer (no need to be certified but it is preferred.)

Robin Castle-Hine: not enough workers to fully staff all the parks. Need more applicants, ideas for posting on social media. Minimum age 16. Five Concerts in the Park this summer, food for children is free but approaching food truck vendors to attend for parents. If food trucks are successful will look to expand to more events in fall. Rosie the Riveter festival (July 24, 10 am – 4 pm) has 40+ vendors so far; will limit to 70 instead of 100 because of Covid restrictions. Commissioner Hodge

discussed including trucks that have flexible/free pricing options based on customers' ability to pay. Fed Up food truck mentioned as very progressive model.

## **B. Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Hine: parking overflow at skate park – needs a garbage can. Commissioner Hodge discussed Sugarbrook Park/Native Gardens project: secured Washtenaw County Water Resources grant for \$1000 and she is also pursuing AA Board of realtors for a possible grant for \$2500. Hoping for fall install of the garden plots.

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Dog Park:** received raw data from survey and shared with commissioners via email. Might include another park or two into mix. Chris Nordstrom still working on revised report.

## **IX. New Business**

Playground Mask Signage: resident with child with health condition contacted township about concerns about lack of signage. Administration open to posting suggestions about masking up but enforcement is problematic. Commissioner Hodge has left over signs that she's willing to donate. Mike Hoffmeister – historical background: posted signs at beginning of pandemic but they were removed or destroyed.

Motion to install signage encouraging user to paly safe and mask up by David Streeter

Seconded by Brad Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

Code of Ethics: Township Board of Trustees discussing an ethics policy, suggested it apply to Park Commission as well. Commissioner Hodge had questions about gifts and purchases in Article 2.3 a through e. David Streeter indicates it is just in draft form currently; will make administration aware of our concerns. Will also pass along most current version.

## **X. Public Hearing**

None

## **XI. Announcements**

None

## **XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**

None

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Tajalli Hodge

Seconded by Jeff Neel

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Park Commission on June 7, 2021