

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 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 Vice-Chair Hodge 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, Darrell Kirby, Starr Smith

**Commissioners Not Present:** David Streeter

**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 Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Jeff Neel

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes made by Brad O’Conner

Seconded by Brad Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

Two citizens in attendance. John Woodcock asked about Hewen’s Creek Park parking lot being expanded and stumps removed from trails. Mike Hoffmeister replied that those projects are still on the list of projects but impacted by lack of help; difficult to keep up with mowing and trash removal. JW commented on safety issues, his efforts to assist mountain bikers using Bemis Rd instead of trail through private property: John has posted signs, secured permission from property owners to use property for access from Hewen’s to Rolling Hills. Really concerned about increased usage but lack of parking, causing people to park on Bemis Rd, where speed limit is 55 mph.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

Mike Hoffmeister: 1) No bids for Loonfeather project \$296,000 grant. Township approved new bid, should go out mid-June. 2) Signs about masking now at all parks but some have been vandalized. 3) Only one of two boat docks is usable at Ford Lake Park. Dock repair approved by township for the second dock. 4) Holmes Rd pedestrian path is unsafe and in need of repair. Township approved funds for repair, going to bid by July. 5) Hosting 5 summer concerts w AA Summer Festival. 6) working with Tajalli Hodge on Sugarbrook project. Received additional grants (details in Commissioner reports section.) now up to \$3500 on goal of \$6000.

Angela Verges: Debbie Aue, Residential Services, retired at end of May, new person will start in July.

Robin Castle-Hine: Parks are busy 5 park attendants and 3 rangers (with 4 more to be added) vs 16 normally. Revenues up dramatically! But lots of trash, people using shelters without permission. Lots of problems with non-compliant users. Sheriff Deputies showed up which helped. Marine patrol addressed wave-runner problems. Rosie the Riveter festival scheduled for July 24, 10 am – 5 pm. 68 crafters have registered. Will close at 75 vendors.

**B. Commissioner Reports**

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 – not finalized but on track for fall install of the garden plots.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Dog Park:** no updates, waiting on revised report.

**IX. New Business**

None.

**X. Public Hearing**

None

**XI. Announcements**

None

**XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**

None

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Starr Smith

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary  
Minutes approved by the Park Commission on July 12, 2021