

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

Commission Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith

Staff Present: Mike Hoffmeister, Angela Verges

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kirby

Seconded by Hodge

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by O’Conner

Seconded by Hodge

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister:

- 1) Loonfeather Park update: 50% complete. Still left is HMA asphalt and concrete pouring and a few additional repairs to existing concrete and asphalt structures like stairs. Goal is Dec. 1 for completion.
- 2) AppleRidge -West Willow update: passed legal review and is ready to submit to board for approval. Construction slated for early 2022 due to delays this fall.
- 3) Board Meeting Agenda/ Budget discussions: Huron St pathway development plan has been completed and will be submitted to Board of Trustees for review/approval. Plan includes path from west side of Huron St then north to Eagle Crest and will include repairs.
- 4) Equipment evaluation/requests (golf course, maintenance, etc.) will be submitted to Board of Trustees during November.
- 5) Park bathrooms are now closed. Closure date depends on weather – now close to freezing every night, which increases maintenance upkeep and costs. Ford Lake Park is only park that stays open through winter (because federal funds were used to develop this park.)

Angela Verges:

- 1) A finalist has been chosen for the new Recreation Coordinator position and will start Dec 15.
- 2) Winter basketball league started this week.
- 3) Trunk or Treat was a huge success – over 300 children attended. 20 cars participated.

B. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hodge provided an update on Sugarbrook Park: second install on Oct 9 included 500 plants, 20 cubic ft of mulch, and concrete poured for benches. Trunk or Treat in Sugarbrook, with over 200 children attending.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Dog Park: Mike Hoffmeister: No update; have had trouble coordinating with consultant Chris Nordstrom. City of Ypsilanti originally passed on joint park but Township but Commissioner O’Conner has contacts there who might be interested. Commissioner Hine asked previous surveys are available for viewing and Mike Hoffmeister will supply those to interested parties.

IX. New Business

Standard of Ethics Policy discussion. Only minor changes proposed - Section 2.3 c wording simplified for clarity unclear. Board of Trustees version used as template. David supplied revised version in advance of meeting and will inform Board of Trustees at November meeting that the policy has been adopted by the Park Commission.

Motion to accept policy made by Kirby
Second by Hine
Motion Carried Unanimously

X. Public Hearing

None

XI. Announcements

Commissioner Hodge discussed with Robin Castle-Hine possibility of bringing food trucks to neighborhood parks as an expansion of summer/fall program that brought them to the larger parks.

XII. Recommendations to the Township Board

None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Hodge
Seconded by O’Conner
Motion Carried Unanimously
Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.