

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
AMENDED AND APPROVED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 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 Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center. Observed minute of silence in remembrance of Oxford High School shooting victims.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Brad Hine, Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Darrell Kirby, David Streeter, Starr Smith

Commissioners Not Present: Brad O'Conner

Staff Present: Mike Hoffmeister, Angela Verges

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Hodge

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by Kirby

Seconded by Hodge

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister:

- 1) Loonfeather Park update: Not quite done. There is a walk-through scheduled for Thursday 12/9 to review work. Change order was submitted for 2 tree removals due to path ADA compliance laws but overall, the project is under budget. There is additional asphalt work that needs to be done but it is covered by the vendor.
- 2) Huron Street pathway bid will be going out soon.
- 3) AppleRidge -West Willow update: Contingent on attorney review but should be ready to submit to board for approval. Construction still slated for early 2022.
- 4) Building closed Dec 22 thru Jan 3.
- 5) Winter Operations for parks: only two remain open - Heritage (due to popularity) and Ford Lake (required, as federal funds were used.)
- 6) Carly Willis, Clerk in Residential Services, retiring Dec. 22.

DISCUSSION: Tree removal in Ford Heritage Park due to dead trees imposing on homes on Cary Dr.

Angela Verges:

- 1) Several bird-watching groups are interested in holding events at local parks.
- 2) New recreation director Josh Kruegler just started and will attend future meetings.
- 3) Citizens starting to ask about rentals. Group interested in car show approached David Streeter
- 4) Angie retiring Dec 22.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Dog Park: Mike Hoffmeister: No update.

IX. New Business

Nominations for officers:

Kirby nominated Hodge; Streeter nominated self. Hodge elected for 2022.

Vice Chair: Hodge nominated Streeter. Unanimous.

Treasurer: Hodge nominated Hine. Unanimous.

Secretary. Neel agreed to continue. Unanimous.

Park Commission Meeting Dates for 2022:

Motion to accept dates made by Hodge

Second by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

X. Public Hearing

None

XI. Announcements

None.

XII. Recommendations to the Township Board

None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Neel

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary