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**YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK
COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, January 4, 2021

Time: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION

Online via Zoom Webinar
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center
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**Charter Township of Ypsilanti
Public Meeting Notice
Park Commission Regular Meeting
January 4, 2021 at 6:30pm**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission will hold a Regular Meeting scheduled for January 4, 2021 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be conducted virtually (online and/or by phone), due to health concerns surrounding Coronavirus/COVID-19 under the Governor of Michigan's Executive Orders 2020-15 and 2020- 21.

Public comment will be handled by the "Raise Hand" method as instructed below within Participant Controls.

If you need any assistance due to a disability please contact Mike Hoffmeister at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at mhoffmeister@ytown.org or 734-544-3515.

Meeting Information:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: January 4, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://ytown.zoom.us/j/93936756086>

Webinar ID: 939 3675 6086

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International numbers available: <https://ytown.zoom.us/j/aJXjr2xBX>

Zoom Instructions for Participants

To join the conference by phone:

1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided above.
2. Enter the Meeting ID number (also provided above) when prompted using your touch- tone (DTMF) keypad.

Before a videoconference:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.
2. Details, phone numbers, and links to videoconference or conference call is provided below. The details include a link to “Join via computer” as well as phone numbers for a conference call option. It will also include the 9-digit Meeting ID.

To join the videoconference:

1. At the start time of your meeting, enter the link to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on “Test Computer Audio.” Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on “Join audio by computer.”

You may also join a meeting without the link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided.

If you are having trouble hearing the meeting, you can join via telephone while remaining on the video conference:

1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number.
2. Enter the Meeting ID number (also provided above) when prompted using your touch- tone (DTMF) keypad.
3. If you have already joined the meeting via computer, you will have the option to enter your 2- digit participant ID to be associated with your computer.

AGENDA OF THE JANUARY 4, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Determination of Quorum**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**
 - B. Commissioner Reports**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Election of Secretary for 2021
- IX. New Business**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 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 6:31 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

Commissioners Not Present: none

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 Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve October 5, 2020 minutes made by Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

*November 2, 2020 a quorum of the park commission was not present at the meeting.

VI. Citizens Participation

JoAnn McCollum – President of the New West Willow Neighborhood Association, shared that she appreciates the work Commissioner Hodge has done for the community, pleased to have her as a new commissioner.

Sarah Teare – Habitat for Humanity, supported all the work in the community performed by Commissioner Hodge, pleased that Commissioner Hodge is involved, and that Commissioner Hodge coordinated efforts to pass out youth activity packs over the summer.

Ceara Murtagh – Habitat for Humanity, amazed with the work done at Township Parks. Shared that she has worked with Commissioner Hodge in West Willow neighborhood and Sugarbrook.

Supported Commissioner Hodges efforts with the Sugarbrook Summerfest, and that she is a supporter of the Township Parks.

Jimmie Wilson – Ypsilanti Township Trustee, wanted to thank the new commissioners for taking on their new role, that the Park Commission is in good hands with staff liaisons Mike Hoffmeister and Angie Verges, and that he is available anytime if needed.

VII. Reports

A. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hodge shared info on grant money received for social distancing signage that has been placed in several parks to support safe playgrounds.

Commissioner Streeter shared an update on dog parks, ongoing discussions with full time staff and the potential for assistance from outside firms for the installation of a dog park.

B. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister gave an update that he is working on recreating the Township's Helpful Handbook which is currently sent out once a year. Interested in the potential of making it a full-page magazine, possibly quarterly. Would like to use it as an opportunity to highlight recreation, golf, and updates for Township residents. Hoffmeister stated that Green Oaks Golf Course is closed for the season, rounds played at the course are up from previous years, and info is available for Commissioners if requested. Park Winterization is almost complete.

Angela Verges gave an update on the Art Serafinski Scholarship fund, approximately \$8,000 dollars raised from the September 16th golf outing at Green Oaks Golf Course, and the ball field dedication sign in Art Serafinski's memory has been installed. Verges stated that the Operation Christmas Child is going on with support from a local congregation collecting gifts for 30 local families.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. New Business

Election of Officers for 2021

Chair:

Hodge: self-nomination for chair

Hine: Nominates Streeter for chair: Streeter accepts nomination

Roll Call Vote - Commissioner Hine: Streeter. Commissioner Hodge: Hodge. Commissioner Kirby:

Streeter. Commissioner Neel: Streeter. Commissioner O'Conner: Hodge. Commissioner Smith:

Hodge. Commissioner Streeter: Streeter

Streeter accepts Chair seat

Vice-Chair:

Kirby nominates Hodge for Vice Chair: Hodge accepts nomination

No additional nominations

Motion to elect Commissioner Hodge Vice Chair made by Kirby:

Motion Carried Unanimously

Hodge accepts Vice chair seat

Secretary:

Motion to table election for secretary made by O'Conner

Seconded by Hodge

Motion Carried Unanimously

Treasurer:

Hodge Nominates O'Conner for Treasurer: O'Conner accepts nomination

No additional nominations

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

O'Conner accepts Treasurer seat

2021 Park Commission Meeting Dates:

Monday, January 4

Monday, February 1

Monday, March 1

Monday, April 5

Monday, May 3

Monday, June 7
Monday, July 12
Monday, August 2
Monday, September 13
Monday, October 4
Monday, November 1
Monday, December 6

Motion to accept the Park Commission 2021 proposed meeting schedule made by Kirby
Seconded by Smith Motion Carried Unanimously

X. Announcements

None

XI. Recommendations to the Township Board

None

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Hine
Seconded by O'Conner
Meeting Adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Minutes taken and prepared by David Streeter, Chair