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**YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK
COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, May 3, 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
May 3, 2021 at 6:30pm**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission will hold a Regular Meeting scheduled for May 3, 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: May 3, 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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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 MAY 3, 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. Dog park update
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Playground mask signage
 - B. Ethics policy
- X. Public Hearing**
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XIII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 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 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, Darrell Kirby, Jeff Neel, Brad O’Conner, Star Smith, David Streeter (all attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township.)

Commissioners Not Present: none

Staff Present: Angela Verges, Robin Castle-Hine

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Brad O’Conner

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve March 1, 2020 minutes made by Darrell Kirby

Seconded by Jeff Neel

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

Lindsey Skelly commented on Dog Park discussion (comments below.)

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

David Streeter for Mike Hoffmeister: 1) Loonfeather Park renovation plans out for bid. 2) Rite Aid sponsoring Covid vaccination clinic on four Saturdays in April. Clinics fill up fast but lots of reschedules so check the Township website for openings. Robin: clarification about need for insurance information – no one is billed, either insurance company or the state will pick up fee for those without insurance. 3) Debbie Aue, 50 & Beyond Coordinator, is retiring May 31. Job for Recreation Coordinator posted internally last Thursday. 4) Clubview Park resolution passed by Board of Trustees. 5) EMU rowing events scheduled at Lakeside Park on April 10,11, and 24. 6) Dog Park survey extended to 4/16. 7) Willow Run Acres Community Farm legal documents are in the Township Attorneys hands. Goal is to get this partnership in front of the Board of Trustees sometime this spring.

Angie Verges: a local Theater group will run a camp for 8 weeks this summer, mid-June through August. Township doesn’t have to promote the program; the group is simply paying us for use of the park. We will also offer a joint art program with Saline and Pittsfield. Sierra Club Nature walks have been scheduled and are listed on web site. Limited to 10 people/session and there is a small fee charged.

Robin Castle: Golf course staffed. Need additional help with park and gold course maintenance.
Rosie the Riveter festival planning for July 24th going well: 3 food trucks, 12 vendors so far but most don't respond till Memorial Day.

B. Commissioner Reports

Brad O'Conner suggested we think about new national infrastructure funding in terms of applicability to parks.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Dog park update. Survey extended until April 16. Chris Nordstrom indicated that the survey has been very popular, still collecting and analyzing data. Second survey will follow, with possible addition of different parks. Darrell Kirby posted link to social media. Citizen Lindsey Skelly asked about whether township is leaning to a particular park; prefers one with some trees for wind break.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Announcements

Tajalli Hodge: Huron Valley Group will sponsor a virtual trivia fund raiser on April 16th at 7 pm. Commissioner Hodge can supply a link to those who are interested.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Darrell Kirby
Seconded by Tajalli Hodge
Motion Carried Unanimously
Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary