

Park
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Charter Township of Ypsilanti

YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, July 12, 2021

Time: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION

1st Floor Conference Room
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center
7200 S. Huron River Drive
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Ypsilanti Township Park Commission

AGENDA OF THE JULY 12, 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**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED 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