

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

Commission Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:32 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, John Hines

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kirby

Seconded by O’Conner

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve amended minutes made by Streeter

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister:

- 1) Huron St. pathway bid won by Allstar Power Excavating. Phase 1 will start with the path from Huron/Joe Hall Dr.
- 2) Loonfeather Park: extended the agreement with StanTech and sent a notice liquidated damages to PGA contractor.
- 3) Both tennis courts and Loonfeather parks grants funded by National Park Service have been approved. The Township must contribute funds so the work may be spread out over time to ease budgetary impact.

John Hines:

- 1) YMCA has agreed to resume programs.
- 2) The youth basketball league starting Feb. 12 with 83 participants.
- 3) Fairytale Ball didn’t have enough children sign up so the event was canceled.
- 4) Meeting with publisher to discuss programs catalog/mailer.
- 5) Sent post cards to offer free Covid testing through February at Rec Center.

B. Commissioner Reports

None:

VIII. Unfinished Business

Dog Park: Mike Hoffmeister: No update but meeting with Supervisor Stumbo on Wednesday to determine next steps. Commissioner Hodge spoke with member of Ypsilanti city administration about partnership on a dog park and there is interest, however they need to discuss internally first.

IX. New Business

Hunting in Township Parks: Commissioner Hodge used Oak Park ordinance as a model for wording.

This issue arose due to a bow hunting incident in the fields across from the Township offices. There is already an ordinance in place concerning firearms, bows, and projectiles in general and there are specific articles pertaining to hunting at parks around Ford Lake. A recommendation was made to strengthen the ordinance to prohibit all hunting in all township parks, with reference to both township and DNR regulations.

Discussion: Commissioner Kirby asked for the reasoning behind “director’s discretion” and Commissioner Hodge explained that need some leeway for dealing with “nuisance” animals. O’Conner asked if other townships that our similar to ours have ordinances. Neel/Kirby: asked about protected species, however this issue is likely already covered by Michigan or US regulations. Streeter: discussed changed and clarifications to the proposal suggested by Commissioner Hodge.

Commissioner Streeter made motion to accept the amended proposal.

Seconded 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 Kirby

Seconded by Streeter

Motion Carried Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Park Commission on March 7, 2022