

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

Commissioner Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Darrell Kirby, Brad O’Conner, Brad Hine, David Streeter

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith

Staff Present: Mike Hoffmeister, John Hines

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve March minutes made by Kirby

Seconded by O’Conner

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister, Residential Service Director

Huron St. trail (west side of Huron Rd.) now under construction.

Eagle Scout Projects: Scouts are considering installing 1) birdhouses in a few parks and 2) permanent benches at Ford Heritage Park trail.

Community Trees in Apple Ridge Park: Township in conjunction with Washtenaw County Conservation District will plant 20 - 30 trees west and north of Apple Ridge Park and is need of volunteers to help.

Community shredding event for sensitive/private papers will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 9 until noon in the Civic Center Parking lot.

Sidewalk repairs have started.

Ford Lake Park – gravel will be installed in parking lot and on NW trail Shelters 2 & 3. Permanent speed bumps will also be installed.

Mike met with citizens who live close to Hewens’ Creek Park. There are plans to monitor the park more closely and the Sheriff’s department will install cameras. Also discussed parking solutions: there are currently only 6 slots and need for more (perhaps across the road but that present some danger to pedestrians crossing Bemis Rd.)

Loonfeather Park: paths/walks project still underway but delayed due to weather and rain. Water Quality grants related to fish kill issues are being handled by Mike Saranen (Hydro Operations Manager.)

John Hines, Recreation Services Manager

No Cost Covid testing has ended.

Spring Sports are in season. Softball has adopted double headers schedule format. Spring youth soccer starts in 2 weeks.

50 and Beyond: Spring Fling Family Dance scheduled for May 14. 31+ have signed up for lunch and music program. 26 signed up for Eastern Market trip

Building renovations are underway to the exercise and pool rooms at the Community Center.

Gymnastics programs moved back 3 weeks to allow for carpet installation.

Applied for grants for mirrors for fitness room.

Charter Schools renting Ford Lake Park for cross country meets.

Robin Castle-Hine, Quality Assurance Specialist

Hiring updates: township is reviewing last applicants but almost done, however still need park attendants. Need help for parking for Jazz Fest Fridays, which run from July 1 – Sept 2.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

Parks orientation 5:30 June 6: orientation and information meeting with Park staff to better understand budgets, processes, and priorities (also refer to Parks Master Plan.). Saturday June 11 parks Tour: times TBD.

X. Public Hearing

None

XI. Announcements

None.

XII. Recommendations to the Township Board

None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

Seconded Hine Streeter

Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

Minutes approved by the Park Commission June 14, 2022