

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

Commission Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, Darrell Kirby, Ed Burnette, David Streeter

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith

Staff Present: John Hines, Robin Castle-Hine

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Kirby

Seconded by Streeter

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion to strike former Commissioner O’Conner from last month’s minutes since he resigned,
Motion to approve May minutes made by Streeter

Seconded by Neel

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Tajalli Hodge, reporting for Mike Hoffmeister, Residential Service Director (on vacation.)

- Loonfeather Park substantially complete and opened to public since June 24.
- Huron St. trail (west side of Huron Rd.) substantially completed.
- Ford Lake Park tree struck by lightning on July 4th.
- USCG starting work at North Hydro Park on Phragmites research; severing roots this week, monitoring growth, will apply fungicide next week and monitor changes.

John Hines, Recreation Services Manager

- Community Center construction update: Flooring installed in Room 305; had to first remove asbestos. Will now be pool/gaming room.
- 50 & Beyond bus AC fixed so now back in service.
- Working on next edition of brochure, which will be mailed August 1st.
- Serafinski Golf Outing scholarship funding event is scheduled for August 13; tee off at 9 am. Looking for more players.

- Cornhole tournament is scheduled for August 27th. Received grant to purchase 8 new boards.

Robin Castle-Hine, Quality Assurance Specialist

- Tree struck by lightning at Ford Lake Park has been cleared.
- Jazz festival (Fridays from July 1 – Sept 2) going on for last 2 weeks. Low attendance because of rain but no issues. is on track.
- Rosie Show slated for July 23rd and accepting applications for displayers/vendors.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Continued discussion of park hours: recommended 9 pm closing through Labor Day. Commissioner Hine encourages people to speak with employees who have to deal with issues. Robin Castle-Hine discussed new signs that will have to be ordered – gives a chance to add additional rules. RCH: gated parks are locked because of restrooms, tennis courts, etc. Only 2 Heritage and Ford Lake are open in Jan and Feb. Commissioner Hodge asked about non-staffed parks. Concern that regulations are promulgated but not enforced. Commissioner Burnette suggested a written survey of staff to be discussed at next meeting. TH: how many parks are staffed? 4. Format: 1) explanation, 2) suggested hours (vs dusk), 3) challenges and safety issues. Commissioner Hodge will construct survey and send to Robin, who will distribute to staff.

USGS Update: submitted pesticide training document and so project has commenced.

IX. New Business

Parks orientation and overview discussion. Parks tour would be separate and more reasonable for a weekend. Orientation and information meeting with Park staff to better understand budgets, processes, and priorities (also refer to Parks Master Plan.). Tentatively scheduled for Sept 12th immediately after regular session.

Annual Willow Run Reunion at Apple Ridge: an “organizer” approached Ed Burnette about the reunion and securing trash containers (can be ordered through Waste Management.) RCH suggested they contact Mike or Robin to discuss “best practices” so event goes smoothly.

Dog Park update for new Commissioner Burnette. Plans have been postponed.

X. Public Hearing

None

XI. Announcements

None.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Hine

Seconded: Kirby

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.