

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

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I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, Darrell Kirby, David Streeter

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith, Tajalli Hodge, Ed Burnette

Staff Present: John Hines, Mike Hoffmeister

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 – July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve May minutes made by Hine

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

Dave Bowman, Delegate to Huron River Watershed Council, has concerns about algal blooms but mostly just curious about projects underway and whether two groups can collaborate on projects.

Lauren Smith, Fairway Hills subdivision expressed concerns about Clubview Park tennis courts. Mike Hoffmeister said Department of Natural Resources grant award was awarded; applied in early 2021 and preliminarily approved in Fall 2021 but National Park Service is backlogged; tentatively approved and will be fixed in near future. Will move from 2 tennis courts to 1 tennis court, 2 pickleball, and a rain garden.

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister, Residential Service Director

- Loonfeather Park: still sorting final payments and final projects – ADA rail isn't done yet (stuck in supply chain issues.) Requested extension because of vendor delays.
- Huron St. trail (west side of Huron Rd.) substantially completed. 2 items still to do at Ford Heritage Park. Phase 2 – trail from I-94 to James Hart parkway - MDOT claims ramps and bridge open sometime in fall.
- Community Center Park Tennis Courts renewal and repair project. Grant delayed but will start soon and change from 6 tennis courts to 3 tennis courts and 6 pickleball courts.

- USGS starting work at North Hydro Park on Phragmites research; monitoring growth, applying fungicide every 2 weeks through October.
- Jazz Fest: half way through – 5 completed and 5 to go. Very successful.
- Green Oaks staffing change. New Superintendent Will Turner (from Eagle Crest). Irrigation system was potentially vandalized so has been a challenge with maintenance. In much better shape than in early July.

John Hines, Recreation Services Manager

- Brochure for fall programs is done and should be mailed soon. Looking to diversify offerings.
- Bus Maintenance issue: looking to move to 2 mini buses but CDL-licensed drivers is an issue.
- Budgeting and planning taking place now for 2022 budgets.
- Cornhole tournament on Aug. 27th. Still spots remaining.
- Fowling Warehouse: looking to partnering for a fall league. (Fowling: players toss footballs to knock over bowling pins.)

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Tabled discussion about park hours until Sept 12 meeting.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Public Hearing

None

XI. Announcements

Park commission overview and orientation with staff: September 12, 2022 immediately after regular session.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Neel

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary