

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
AMENDED AND APPROVED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2022 REGULAR  
MEETING**

**Call to Order**

Commission Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

**II. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Tajalli Hodge, Brad Hine, Ed Burnett, Darrell Kirby

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith, David Streeter, Jeff Neel

Staff Present: John Hines, Michael Hoffmeister

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda made by Kirby

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes made by Hine

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

None.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

**Mike Hoffmeister, Residential Services Director**

1. Huron St. Trail Phase 1 is officially complete and our reimbursements from the Washtenaw
2. County Parks & Recreation Commission for our Connecting Communities grant is in
3. process.

4. Township staff, engineers, and legal counsel met about Loonfeather Point Park. Should have further communications in a few weeks.
5. Bathrooms closed. Golf course bathrooms closed at end of election.
6. New Trail is in and path is in. There is a shortage of concrete slowing the completion of roads. Fence is going up.
7. Spark grants available. Applications and interviews going on. Applying for 25 million. Park Commissioners presence and input is welcome. 150 million available.
8. Cart rollouts until end of year for recycling. Commissioner Hodge mentioned that video of recycling process would help.

### **John Hines, Recreation Services Manager**

1. Branding is being pushed out for new logo after the new year. Ytown.org going away.
2. Waiting for quotes for Rec Room. There will be classes later.
3. Trunk or Treat was successful
4. Basketball started for kids
5. Staff exploring raising costs of shelter rentals

### **B. Commissioner Reports**

Parks hours discussion and Sheriff Rick Houk attended meeting. Discussion concerning safety of park staff. Sheriff Houk stated to lock them in. OT may give more incentive for Sherriff to check parks. To do scheduling check with Ray Yee. Al Hunt covers the parks. Sheriff Houk states that if it is a disorderly contact Dispatch. Hodge asked about gates and they are closed by park attendants who are paid per gate. Current hours are summer dawn to 9pm. Will talk about winter hours at a later date.

### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

Continued discussion of park hours; survey details results presented. Discussion:

Kirby – safety concerns are most important.

Hine – simplify hours, 9 pm in summer and 6 pm rest of year.

Hodge – suggests that no need to criminalize after-hours usage. Feedback is that there are no complaints about residential parks but larger, community parks (with parking lots and gates), are where issues and complaints are occurring. Hodge – question about paying Washtenaw Sheriff to patrol parks in summer.

Commissioners reached out to surrounding communities/parks & rec offices to determine how those communities address this issue. Commissioner outreach plan:

Hine - Van Buren/Belleville – Feedback was Dusk to Dawn, 8am to dusk and 10 am to dusk

Kirby – Superior – Feedback was Dusk to dawn

Burnett – Washtenaw Sheriff

Hodge – Pittsfield – Feedback was that Dawn to dusk and they do not lock gates. There are 17 parks.

**IX. New Business**

None

**X. Public Hearing**

None

**XI. Announcements**

None.

**XII. Recommendation**

None

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Burnett

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Darrell Kirby due to absence of Secretary