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**YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK  
COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Date: Monday, February 7, 2022

Time: 6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION**

Board Room-1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center  
7200 S. Huron River Drive  
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## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

**6:30 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Determination of Quorum**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
  - A. Staff Reports**
  - B. Commissioner Reports**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Dog Park update**
  - B. Hunting in Township Parks, discussion**
- IX. New Business**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
  - A. Implement Anti-Hunting Language Into Township Code of Ordinances**
- XII. Adjournment**

*Chair*  
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*Vice-Chair*  
**DAVID STREETER**  
*Secretary*  
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## *Ypsilanti Township Park Commission*

### RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO IMPLEMENT A TOWNSHIP PARK ANTI-HUNTING ORDINANCE

February 7, 2022

The Ypsilanti Township Park Commission makes a recommendation to the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees to implement anti-hunting language pertaining to township parks into the township's Code of Ordinances.

Currently, the Township has an ordinance prohibiting hunting within Ford Lake and on lands abutting Ford Lake. There is also an ordinance prohibiting the possession and use of firearms within township parks. However, there is not strong language prohibiting hunting in township parks through other means – such as snaring, trapping or use of hunting dogs. The current anti-hunting ordinance does not apply to park land that is not abutting Ford Lake. Nineteen of the Township's parks do not abut Ford Lake, including Hewen's Creek Park which is nearly 200 acres of undeveloped land home to countless species of wildlife.

The Park Commission encourages the Board of Trustees to adopt same or similar language as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person within park property to hunt, trap, snare, shoot or kill any wild bird, wild game, or animal of any kind whatsoever with a firearm, bow and arrow, trap, snare, dogs or any other hunting device of any kind or nature, except for purposes designated by the Board in an area and at times designated by the Board.

Alternative language to consider would be: "except as authorized by the Director."

The Park Commission urges that this language be adopted as an additional section in Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 – Parks and Recreation; Article III – General Conduct or to be integrated into Section 46-61.

The Park Commission thanks the Board for this consideration.

The motion for the recommendation to the Township Board was made by Commissioner     and seconded by Commissioner     . YES:     NO:     ABSTAIN:     ABSENT:     .

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Tajalli Hodge, Chair

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

*Park Commission Agendas and Minutes are available on the township website at  
<https://ytown.org/park-commission>*

**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:** Brad Hine, Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Darrell Kirby, David Streeter

**Commissioners Not Present:** Starr Smith, Brad O’Conner

**Staff Present:** Mike Hoffmeister, Angela Verges

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present

**RESOLUTION HONORING ANGELA VERGES**

Motion to accept resolution by Hine

Seconded by Neel

Resolution carried unanimously

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**Changes: Oak & Smith**

Motion to approve the agenda Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes – December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting**

**Changes:** Starr Smith joined December meeting after roll call; corrected Oxford HS minute of silence.

Motion to approve amended minutes made by Streeter

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

None

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

Mike Hoffmeister:

- 1) Loonfeather Park update: Work is not quite done as the walk/pathway didn’t meet ADA requirements and therefore needs to be replaced to meet standards. Ribbon cutting ceremony planned upon completion.
- 2) Huron Street pathway bid will be going out soon.
- 3) Playground mulch bid will go Board of Trustees (only half of the parks have their mulch replaced each year)

- 4) Request For Proposals for tree removal services will go out soon. Especially important to remove dead trees and limbs overhanging homeowner properties.
- 5) Lakeview/Grove Rd Park has broken playground equipment which needs to be repaired.
- 6) Increase vaccination and testing centers: – one planned for Community Center but dates TBD. Looking for sources for masks and at-home test kits.

DISCUSSION: Tree removal in Ford Heritage Park due to dead trees imposing on homes on Cary Dr.

John Hines:

- 1) Met w YMCA on Thursday about resuming programs.
- 2) Dance group 303 from Allen Park lost rental space so want to rent from us (Room 303) and might agree to help with dance classes here.
- 3) Feb 12 basketball league starting as well as Fairytale Ball.
- 4) New Recreation Coordinator Josh Kugler: Background in Recreation Management and a veteran of US Air Force.

#### **B. Commissioner Reports**

None.

#### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

**Dog Park:** Mike Hoffmeister: No update.

#### **IX. New Business**

Bow hunting issue across from Township offices. Ordinance in place prohibiting firearms, bows, and projectiles 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. Hodge to review both DNR regulations

#### **X. Public Hearing**

None

#### **XI. Announcements**

None.

#### **XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**

None

#### **XIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Neel  
Seconded by Hine  
Motion Carried Unanimously  
Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary