

**Park  
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**YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK  
COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Date: Monday, August 1, 2022

Time: 6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Floor conference room  
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center  
7200 S. Huron River Drive  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197



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## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022**

**6:30 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Determination of Quorum**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2022 special meeting**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
  - A. Staff Reports**
  - B. Commissioner Reports**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Continue discussion of Park Hours**
- IX. New Business**
- X. Announcements**
  - A. Park commission overview and orientation with staff (September 12, 2022, immediately after regular session)**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 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 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 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.