

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

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**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Neel called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

**II. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, Darrell Kirby, Starr Smith, Ed Burnett

**Commissioners Not Present:** David Streeter, Tajalli Hodge

**Staff Present:** John Hines

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda made by Hine

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Approval of Minutes** –Approval of March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by Hine

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

Pickleball Discussion. Citizens group approached the Board about indoor pickleball court at the Community Center. Calvin Mitchell spoke first, detailing history of seniors' pickleball activities. Have been playing since 2010 and each year there are more people showing up to play. Seniors play 3x per week – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – from 9 am until noon. Asked if the Center will set aside that time for pickleball and not schedule other events in the gym. Also, would like to have painted lines on the basketball court. Pickleball court measures 20 wide x 44 long and so will not fit in existing racquetball courts. Tim Clarkson, Cecil Payne, and Joseph Secor all spoke in support of these improvements and related their own experiences playing indoors. John Hines addressed these concerns and said there are existing plans to paint lines but this improvement was delayed by the unfortunate water break and flooding of the Community Center. We have received one bid but are awaiting 2 additional bids before awarding a contract. Expect that this project will be done in about 2 months. Also discussed opening of outdoor pickleball courts: plans are to put up nets around April 17, providing temperatures stay above freezing.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

John Hines, Recreation Services Manager and Interim Residential Services Director

- Community Center update: proposal to repair damaged flooring and other issues submitted by Belfor. At the last Township board meeting a line-item amendment to the budget was approved to track costs and fix damage.

- Golf course is open. Season is off to a strong start with over 120+ bookings on nice days. New staff doing great job clearing storm damage.
- Loonfeather Park: final walk through was completed and there are just few minor items to complete.
- North Hydro and North Bay are now open every day.
- Pickleball nets going up April 17, weather permitting (temperature remains above freezing.)

Discussion: Commissioner Hine asked if new signs have been ordered. John Hines hasn't received official request from Park Board. Park Board needs to submit request to Township Board of Trustees.

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

None.

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

USGS Update: Biologist Spencer Widin provided requested documentation of revised formula and offered to address any questions of concerns. The document is very thorough and explained the new formula and details the process of application. No questions but Mr. Widin offered to answer any questions via email and will return at end of summer to provide an update on the project.

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

None.

#### **X. Announcements**

None.

#### **XI. Recommendation**

Commissioner Neel recommends that we submit to Township Board that Parks Commission approves USGS to clear phragmites from plots treated last year after USGS submitted a document which lists refined ingredients and formula; approve continuation of herbicide trials.

Motion to approve recommendation: Kirby

Seconded: Hine

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Burnett

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary