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YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023

Time: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION

1st board room
Ypsilanti Township Civic Center
7200 S. Huron River Drive
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 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 November 7, 2022 regular meeting**
- VI. Approval of Minutes from the December 5, 2022 regular meeting**
- VII. Citizens Participation**
- VIII. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**
 - B. Commissioner Reports**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
- X. New Business**
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XIII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 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 6:31 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.
- II. Roll Call**
Commissioners Present: Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, Edward Burnett
Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith, David Streeter
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 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
 - a. Mike Hoffmeister
 - b. John Hines
 - B. Commissioner Reports
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
Continued discussion of park hours
- IX. New Business**
None
- X. Public Hearing**
None
- XI. Announcements**
None
- XII. Recommendations**
None
- XIII. Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn: Burnett
Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Tajalli Hodge, Chair.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 REGULAR MEETING**

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<https://ytown.org/park-commission>*

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tajalli Hodge, Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, Ed Burnett, Darrell Kirby, David Streeter

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith

Staff Present: John Hines, Mike Hoffmeister

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Neel

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion to postpone approval to next month made by Kirby

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

Akin Oluwadare represents Odini Youth Action Village Storytelling Group from West Willow neighborhood. Want to ensure that West Willow Park is more accessible and have equitable resources devoted to park.

Tavon: neighborhood group tries to maintain park on own: painting over graffiti and installing chain basketball nets.

Hessir (sp?): lives in neighborhood. Safe space for area youth but is falling apart.

Mike Hoffmeister: 1) requested that more resources devoted to this park. 2) invited attendees to be part of Master Plan process. Commissioner Burnett mentioned Skate Park process initiated by youth group. Commissioner Streeter thanked group for submitting videos of issues/problems to be fixed.

Linda Neeley: would like to see the park maintained, need a safe place for youth to play.

Karen Wilson: reports of broken glass in the park. Need Rules posted.

Akin: meet every other Friday from 6 – 7:30 at the Community Center.

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

Mike Hoffmeister, Residential Service Director

- Huron St. Trail: both southbound lanes are open. Eastbound ramp now open.
- Loonfeather Park Update: awaiting handrail ADA approval but is otherwise done.
- Masterplan bids opened last week. Received 5 bids; will request they come in for presentation.
- The Clubview Park and Community Center Parks tennis renovation: Need deed to show ownership of park – deed and title support (MDNR requirement) for grant approvals for tennis courts renovations.
- North Hydro, Ford Lake and Ford Heritage remain open in winter.

John Hines, Recreation Services Manager

- Winter Handbooks mailed this week. Will contain new websites/URLs.
- Thursday, Dec. 8 – Holiday Social sponsored by DTE 12 – 2 pm.
- January 7 – will hold a second Cornhole tournament.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

USGS report on North Hydro Spencer Widin, biologist, and Kurt Kowalski, Research Ecologist. Update on phragmites (common reed) microbial control experiment. Invasive species and very challenging to control plant. 30 plots: 10 were treated with water only, 10 treated every 2 weeks, 10 treated every 4 weeks. Results: 2-week treatment shows best results: kills above ground but limited underground. Hope to return in spring to observe regrowth.

Park Hours discussion (continuation): opening and closing hours for staffed parks. Summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) closing at 9 pm. Winter hours proposed for 6 pm.

Motion to set hours for gated parks – Ford Lake, Ford Heritage, North Hydro, Loonfeather, North Bay, Lakeside, Hewen's Creek – for 9 pm summer (Memorial Day until Labor Day) and 6 pm for other times (winter) made by Hine.

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously (Streeter abstained.)

Discussion: Mike Hoffmeister indicated that recommendation will be sent to Board of Trustees, will need to have two hearings and discussion. If passes Board, then will move to implementing such things as signage.

Motion for 10 minute recess due to citizen health emergency made by Streeter.
Seconded by Burnett.
Passed unanimously.

Meeting Called back to order at 7:36 pm

Nominations for Officers

Chair: Tajalli Hodge nominated by Burnett.
Hodge accepted
Unanimously approved.

Vice Chair: David Streeter nominated by Kirby
Streeter accepted
Unanimously approved.

Secretary: Jeff Neel nominated by Streeter
Neel accepted
Unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Brad Hine nominated by Burnett
Hine accepted
Unanimously approved.

IX. New Business

2023 Meeting Schedule

Motion to accept amended 2023 meeting schedule made by Streeter
Seconded by Kirby
Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Parks Meeting Schedule for 2023 (all meetings on Mondays)

- January 9 (New Year's Day observed January 2)
- February 6
- March 6
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- July 10 (July 3 is day before Independence Day holiday)
- August 7
- September 11 (Labor Day observed September 4)
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

X. Announcements

None.

XI. Recommendation

Motion to submit new park closing hours to Board made by Hine.

Seconded by Neel

Passed unanimously

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Kirby

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary