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**Commission**

Tajalli Hodge, Chair  
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Commissioners:  
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**Park Commission**

**YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK  
COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Date: Monday, July 10, 2023

Time: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION

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

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**  
**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 June 5, 2023 special meeting**
- VI. Approval of Minutes from the June 5, 2023 regular meeting**
- VII. Citizens Participation**
- VIII. Reports**
  - A. Staff Reports**
  - B. Commissioner Reports**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
- X. New Business**
  - A. Park Signs Discussion**
  - B. Park Commission Work Groups**
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XIII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 SPECIAL 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 6:28 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**Commissioners Not Present:** Brad Hine, Starr Smith

**Staff Present:** None

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum present.

**IV. Approval of Agenda – Park Open/Closing Hours**

Motion to approve agenda made by Streeter

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

**V. Citizens Participation**

None.

**VI. Reading of Proposal**

The Ypsilanti Township Park Commission makes a recommendation to the Ypsilanti Township Board of Trustees to change the closing time of the Community parks, including Ford Heritage Park, Ford Lake Park, Lakeside Park, Loonfeather Park, North Bay Park, North Hydro Park, and Hewen's Creek Park, from "dusk" to 9:00 pm for the summer season and from "dusk" to 6:00 pm for the winter season. The "summer season" is defined by this body as Memorial Day to Labor Day and the "winter season" is defined by this body as all other times outside of the summer season.

The Park Commission thanks the Board for this consideration.

**VII. Recommendation**

Proposal to be sent to Township Board.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Streeter

Seconded: Neel

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI  
PARK COMMISSION  
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

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**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:** Jeff Neel, David Streeter, Tajalli Hodge, Darrell Kirby, Ed Burnett

**Commissioners Not Present:** Brad Hine, Starr Smith

**Staff Present:** None (John Hines on vacation.)

**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 –Approval of May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes made by Kirby

Seconded by Streeter

Motion Carried Unanimously

**VI. Citizens Participation**

Joshua McAllister, West Willow, coordinates a weekly farmer's market at 2057 Tyler Rd. Have secured insurance coverage but local neighborhood association has locked the park, preventing the holding of the event. Asked if park commission could intercede with township leadership.

**VII. Reports**

**A. Staff Reports**

None.

**B. Commissioner Reports**

Commission Hodge: township board has scheduled a special meeting to discuss American Rescue Plan Act disbursement of funds on Tuesday, June 6. Concerned that park commission is not consulted before decisions are made. The Board of Trustees has provided very general descriptions of the amounts and categories where they plan to allocate the funds.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

Hearing on park hours at early special session; no citizen comments. Proposal/recommendation to be sent to Board.

**IX. New Business**

John Buchanan asked to install a sharing library as part of a project for his Eagle Scout badge. He has chosen the Simplay 3 Sharing Library because of durability, maintenance, and is domestically

produced. John suggested that an ideal location would be near the play structure in Ford Heritage Park, but asked for guidance. Board suggested he work with Mr. Hines and park staff.

Motion to support Mr. Buchanan's efforts made by Streeter

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

**X. Announcements**

Park Survey is still open on Ypsi Township website.

**XI. Recommendations**

None.

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Streeter

Seconded: Kirby

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary