
**Park
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**YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK
COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, October 2, 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, OCTOBER 2, 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 September 11, 2023 regular meeting**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**
 - B. Commissioner Reports**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 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 6:32 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Not Present: n/a

Staff Present: John Hines

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by Kirby

Seconded by Smith

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes –Approval of August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes made by Hine

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

Katelyn Zak, lives across from Burns Park. Concerned about communication to residents of development of and safety at pickle ball courts. Increased traffic/parking on Harding Ave., resulting in blocking of residents' drives. Path to park is dangerous, tree roots have buckled the path. Thistles in playground/wood chips. Border has been damaged through mowing and has exposed stakes. Also suggested that signs might be a better solution than a parking lot. Neighborhood already has drainage problems to which additional paved surfaces would make worse.

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

John Hines, Municipal Services Director.

1. Municipal Services director decided on and John has accepted that position. Will recruit for the now vacant Recreation Services Director.
2. Burns Park: approved for ARPA \$250K funding in May. Spicer Group has examined the property but not sure where this falls in priorities. Discussion about parking issues – green space vs. lot vs. road.
3. Shelter roofs will be replaced at West Willow Park and Ford Lake Park (4 shelters).
4. Clubview Park plans approved by Township Board and will go to bid.
5. Loonfeather Park work is 99% done. Still need to have 20% ADA compliant picnic tables so had to order 4 more.
6. Green Oak Golf Course: Lightning strike hit pump, doing \$10K in damage. Insurance claim has been filed.

7. Community Center: Stantek request for bid by next meeting. Damage is more extensive than at first thought. Will require revising drain plans.
8. Township has contracted with a "Chipping" firm and will employ 2 crews doing emergency chipping for damage from recent major storm
9. Apple Ridge Park: had to drill 2 wells due to insufficient flow from just one well. Building housing structure. Should be completed by end of year; up and running by next spring.
10. Skate Park was tagged with graffiti. Mobile Blast Man vendor looking at removing paint by chemical means instead of sandblasting.
11. Groups asking for volunteer opportunities. EMU Track Team excited to work at Ford Lake Park this Sunday, Sept 17. Lou Danner/Hamilton Bar's group looking to clean up Sugar Brook Park. Good pilot program which will reveal how many volunteers show up, how much gets done. Commissioner Hodge: also need to replace missing nets on basketball hoops.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

None

X. Announcements

None.

XI. Recommendations

None.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Neel

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary