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YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Date: Monday, June 3, 2024

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, JUNE 3, 2024

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 May 6, 2024 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
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2024 REGULAR MEETING**

Park Commission Agendas and Minutes are available on the township website at <https://ytown.org/park-commission>

I. Call to Order

Commission Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jeff Neel, Brad Hine, David Streeter, Ed Burnett

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith, Darrell Kirby, Tajalli Hodge

Staff Present: John Hines

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 –Approval of Minutes for February 2024.

Motion to approve agenda made by Hine

Seconded by Burnett

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None.

VII. Reports NA

A. Staff Reports

John Hines, Municipal Services Director.

1. Job reposted for Recreation Services Manager. Still working through applicants and hope to have update next month.
2. Position for Assistant Municipal Services Director to help with workload and report to Director Hines has been filled by Jeffrey Yar.
3. Community Center update: Stantek, engineering firm, and Decima, contractor, approved by Board of Trustees. Decima started work 3 weeks ago. Working fast to get project completed by early summer.
4. AR Brower approved for AARPA renovation project. Ford Lale Park: goal is to finish before Memorial Day. West Willow Park, Community Center Park, and Clubview Park renovations – pickleball/tennis resurfacing, walking paths, general site cleanup – targeted for start by mid-May start and completion by mid-July.
5. Communication plan for updating the community on parks progress will be done primarily through the Township websites, but for smaller neighborhood parks, mailers will be sent.

6. At the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, 4/2,24, John will bring in for discussion the engineering proposal to purchase per-fabricated bathrooms for Ford Heritage and Lakeside Park. \$117,000/unit (2 stalls/per sex). Will run water and sewer lines from nearby neighborhoods.
7. Gearing up to hire staff for summer.
8. Ypsi Township is partnering with cybersecurity firm SensCy to offer a mix of in-person and virtual training. Details and courses posted Township website.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

John Hines, Municipal Services Director. Ford Hertiage Park Issue. Complaints about visitor eating lunch in baseball field parking lot. Possible solution is to erect chain barrier/gate and close off that parking area except during baseball season. Still investigating details of issue.

Spencer Widon, US Geological Survey: Phragmites Research Update. USGS has been running experiments for 2 years at North Hydro Park, applying organic (vs chemical) treatments. In the second year of the experiment, they set up 40 additional plots and varied techniques and timing of application of the herbicide. Promising results – much less growth of the invasive species in treated areas. Rhizomes are large difficult to eradicate but treatments reduce carbohydrate storage by 50%. Hope a third year will help further advance experimental results. Asking for approval for a third year.

Questions:

Streeter – has formulation changed? Widin – added more surfactant to help spread the herbicide but active ingredients are the same.

Motion to approve the continued USGS phragmites research at North Hydo made by Streeter.

Seconded by Hines.

Motion Carried Unanimously Unanimous.

X. Announcements

None.

XI. Recommendations

None.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Neel

Seconded: Hine

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI
PARK COMMISSION
PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**

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I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Brad Hine, Tajalli Hodge, Darrell Kirby, Edward Burnett, David Streeter

Commissioners Not Present: Starr Smith, Jeff Neel

Staff Present: John Hines, Robin Castle-Hine

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Kirby.

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting

Motion to approve April 1, 2024, minutes made by Hine.

Seconded by Kirby

Motion Carried Unanimously

VI. Citizens Participation

None.

VII. Reports

A. Staff Reports

John Hines, Municipal Services Director

Staffing updates - New Recreation Services Manager – Josh Kugler
Recreation Coordinator position posted today, hope to fill by end of July.

Project updates – Community Center construction is going well, currently working on 200 & 300 hallways. Several rooms complete: 201 and 204, golf shop halfway complete.

MDNR grant has been applied for regarding North Bay Park shelter, boardwalk, and bridges.

Ford Lake Park and West Willow Park shelters are being looked at by A.R. Brauer.

Lakeside Park and Ford Heritage Park have a meeting regarding bathrooms set for May 21st.

Appleridge Park is still dealing with the new well issue, hope to resolve it soon.

Clubview Park construction begins the week of May 20th.

ARPA update: Community Center hopes to have a second bus delivered in the coming weeks.

Robin Castle-Hine, Community Events Manager

Jazz shows begin July 5th, runs through August.

June 29th – Ypsi Area Street rod hosting a car show at Ford Lake Park, 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Pickleball and cornhole event on June 1 and Ford Lake Park.

Rosie show at North Bay Park July 13, 2024.

B. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Hodge attended a ribbon cutting for Ford Lake rowing course. Shared the Washtenaw County Water Resources office installed a rain garden in Sugarbrook Park.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. New Business

None

X. Announcements

None

XI. Recommendations to the Township Board

None

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Burnett

Seconded by Kirby

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously