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Ypsilanti Township Park Commission

Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, October 7th, 2024

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location

1st Board Room
Ypsilanti Township Tilden R. Stumbo Civic Center
7200 S. Huron River Dr
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, October 7, 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 August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- VI. Approval of Minutes from the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- VII. Citizens Participation**
- VIII. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**
 - B. Commissioner Reports**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
- X. New Business**
 - A. Support for Grant Consideration for Harris Rd. Green Space Renovation**
- XI. Announcements**
- XII. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XIII. Adjournment**

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ACHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI PARK COMMISSION

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 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 Streeer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center.

II. Roll Call

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

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

Staff Present: John Hines, Robin Castle Hine

III. Determination of Quorum

Quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda made by Neel

Seconded by Hine

Motion Carried Unanimously

V. Approval of Minutes –Approval of Minutes August 2024 will be postponed to clean up minor issues.

Motion to approve: NA

Seconded: NA

Motion Carried: NA

VI. Citizens Participation

Suzanne LaFrance, candidate for park commissioner, attended to observe.

VII. Reports NA

A. Staff Reports

Robin Castle Hine

Recap of summer events: successful summer. Classic Car shows at Ford Lake Park were successful; Jazz Fest concluded another successful year. Rosie the Riveter Craft Show was also successful.

Food Truck War: each truck will offer 2 main dishes, prices are in same range on Oct. 5 at Community Center; Trunk or Treat Oct. 27 at Community Center

John Hines, Municipal Services Director.

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Staffing Update: None.

Recreation: no updates

Projects:

Community Center Update. Final inspections this week. Mostly successful although finished later than expected. 200/300 hallways have new bathrooms.

Community Center Park and Clubview Park: Clubview is ready to go; only rain drainage needs to be fixed; Community Center is complete.

Ford Lake Park: All Shelter are complete.

West Willow Shelter: work will be closed out soon.

Lakeside and Heritage Park Restrooms: still waiting on approval to install pre-fabricated restrooms (includes running water and sewer lines).

Ford Heritage Park playground surface replacement: approved by Board of Trustees. Will likely wait till soccer season is over so children can use equipment. Only takes 5 weeks to complete.

Burns Park: fixing fiber-mulch base and replacing mulch. Playground equipment is in good shape.

West Willow: new playset and path are complete.

Green Oaks Golf Course: bathroom renovation (2 on-course, 2 in golf center) kicked-off; scheduled completion by Oct.31.

North Bay Park: grants are submitted to MDNR, just waiting on approval.

Events: Serafinski Scholarship Golf Outing was successful

Winter work: currently putting together winter maintenance schedule to get a jump on spring opening.

B. Commissioner Reports

None.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None.

IX. New Business

None.

X. Announcements

None.

XI. Recommendations

None.

XII. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn: Hine
Seconded: Burnett
Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Jeff Neel, Secretary

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ACHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI PARK COMMISSION PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

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I. **Call to Order**

Commission Streeer 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 Streeer, 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 staided work 3 weeks ago. Working fast to get project completed by early summer.
4. AR Brower approved for AARPA renovation project. Ford Lale Parle goal is to finish before Memorial Day. West Willow Park, Community Center Park, and Clubview Park

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renovations- pickleball/tennis resurfacing, walking paths, general site cleanup - targeted for start by mid-May 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 pre-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 Heritage 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:

Streeer- has formulation changed? Widon - added more surfactant to help spread the herbicide but active ingredients are the same.

Motion to approve the continued USGS phragmites research at North Hydro made by Streeer. Seconded by Hines.

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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