

Park Commission

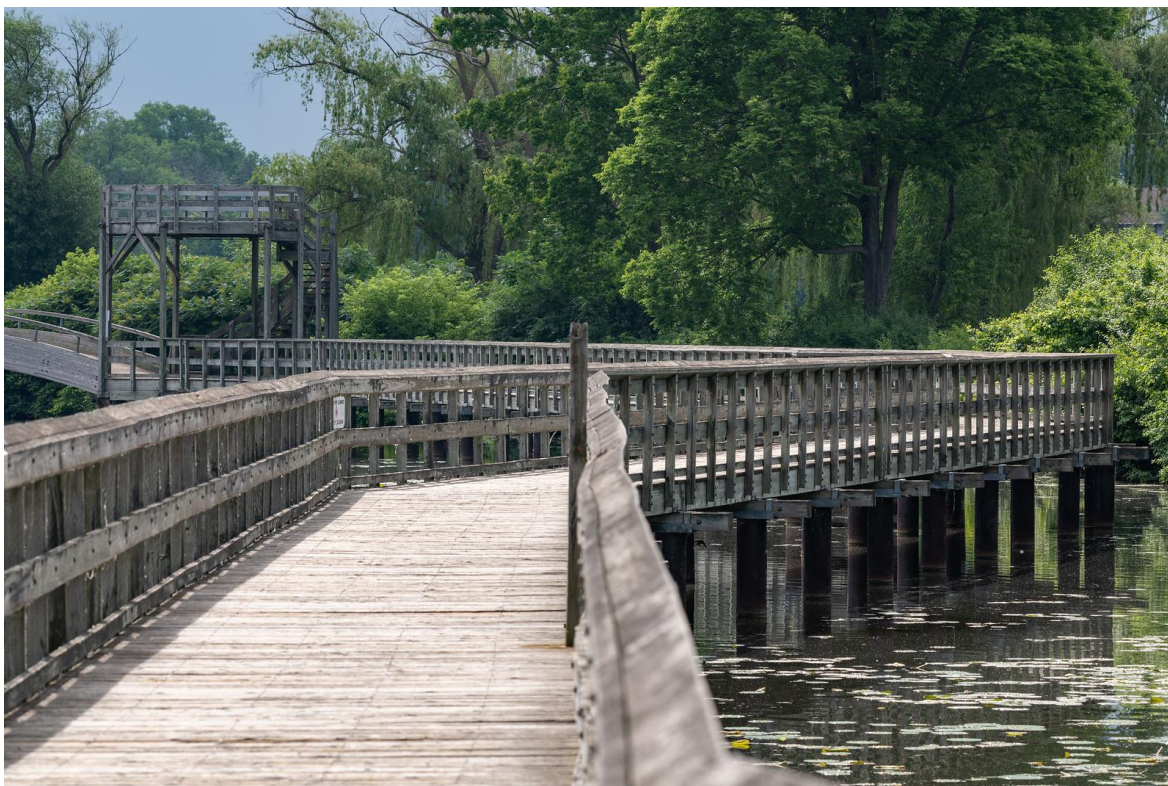
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2021 Annual Report



“Come Visit - Get Active - Leave Happy - YT Parks!”

Park Commission Common Goal: Quality Living, One Park at a Time

Park Commission Core Values

- *Maintain, preserve, and protect Ypsilanti Township Park amenities*
- *Value partnering with the community to support and sustain Ypsilanti Township parks*
- *Promote nature, recreation, and health*

2021 Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission

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Pursuant to the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission by-laws, the following annual report lists the Park Commission's activities and accomplishments supporting the Park Commission's purposes as listed in said by-laws.

- A. To develop a park master plan and to carry out programs for the acquisition, management, and control of parks and places of recreation of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**
 - Utilized the 5-Year Parks and Recreation master plan to guide discussion around parks and park improvement.

- B. To promote the development of a system of neighborhood parks and other places of recreation to serve the various neighborhoods within the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**
 - Addressed neighborhood park concerns that have been brought to its attention
 - Continued to work with staff to address areas found to be in need of repair.
 - Supported the installation of a wildflower garden in Sugarbrook Park
 - Supported T.C. Collins and Willow Run Acres installing a community garden and educational sensory garden in Appleridge Park. Submitted a recommendation to the Township Board in support of the partnership after hosting a community input session at the park.

- C. To promote the development of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti parks and other places of recreation in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**

The Park Commission has:

 - Supported upgrades and renovations at Loonfeather Park.
 - Supported the submission of MDNR grant to renovate Clubview Park tennis courts.
 - Attended Community Focus Group to steer discussion around recreation
 - Supported the roof replacement at the Community Center.
 - Worked to ensure public health and safety around Township Parks during pandemic

- D. To further and encourage cooperation between governmental units, private agencies, and private citizens toward these ends.**
 - Supported the development and distribution of a survey with Carlisle Wortman to gather public opinion about the formation of a dog park
 - Supported MOU with the YMCA to offer join recreation programs.
 - Supported nature walks hosted by the Huron Valley Sierra Club
 - Supported partnership with Rite Aid to sponsor Covid vaccination clinics.
 - Supported use of parks by local theater group.
 - Utilized donated yard signs encouraging residents to mask and use hand sanitizer while playing in parks.
 - Hosted a series of 3 summer concerts at Clubview, North Bay, and West Willow Park.

Additional Accomplishments

- The skate park at Community Center Park was awarded a Facility Design Award by mParks
- Continued the placement of Park Commission packets on Township website
- Reviewed various documents and requests of residents