PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 – 7:30 p.m.**

**(Postponed from Tuesday, December 12, 2017)**

# City Hall Conference Room

301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Deputy City Clerk Roxane Cramer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Jerry Hebekeuser and Nell Anne Hebekeuser.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Rick Morris, Nick Seabasty and Randy Woodworth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City ManagerDonald Crawford.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 27, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: REMOVE PICKLEBALL ITEM**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELL ANNE HEBEKEUSER**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: CHAIRMAN ESPICH WANTED THE MINUTES TO REFLECT THAT THE DISC GOLF COURSE WILL ALWAYS NEED CONTINUED MAINTENANCE.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELL ANNE HEBEKEUSER.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Vice Chair Selbig commented he would like to revisit Pickleball at the March meeting.

Chairman Espich would like to have an Ad-hoc meeting at the end of next week to discuss the Polar Plunge.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**BUSINESS:**

**Parks and recreation plan**

City Manager Crawford reported the Parks and Recreation Master Plan had been approved by City Council.

**Skate park application**

The City Manager explained that the state has not yet announced the results of the grants awarded for the grant the city applied for.

Commissioner Hebekeuser questioned if the State has a timeline for the grants. The City Manager explained this time last year they had already announced the grant.

**Patronicity program**

Chairman Espich moved this discussion until next month due to waiting on the status of the grant application.

**Disc golf update**

City Manager gave an update on the course. The commissioners had a short discussion about pouring the pads. Chairman Espich is going to check with Jon Beebe and Eric Sanderson (designers of the disc golf course) about coming to the January or February Parks and Rec meeting.

**Concrete children’s play structures**

City Manager Crawford reported that the best concrete pipes are being saved for them. The pipes will be going to Hopkins Lake, the soccer field and near the Episcopal Church.

**Date and time of meetings next year**

Commissioners set the next meeting for January 24th at 7:30 p.m.

**Future Eagle Scout projects**

The City Manager reported that he has been contacted for Eagle Scout Projects and he is looking for some ideas for them.

Vice Chair Selbig suggested a labyrinth at Harmon Partridge Park. Commissioners had a short discussion regarding a labyrinth at a park. Vice Chair Selbig will bring some examples for a labyrinth in for the next meeting.

City Manager suggested commissioners think of several possible Eagle Scout Projects.

Chairman Espich suggested playground equipment is always a good project.

Vice Chair Selbig suggested way finding signs for all the parks.

Commissioners Jerry and Nell Anne Hebekeuser suggested putting a swing set at the baseball park for younger children to use.

**Update on Rail Trail**

City Manager reported that they are taking lime from water treatment plant to mix with the lime already in place on the trail in hopes the lime on the trail will harden up.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None.

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:27 P.M.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER**

**ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**