PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018**

# City Hall Conference Room

301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Espich**,** Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Jerry Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, Nick Seabasty and Randy Woodworth.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nell Anne Hebekeuser (No letter of resignation)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  Main Street/DDA Manager, Josh Adams

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 25, 2018 AS AMENDED.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HEBEKUSER.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**CHANGES: ADD ITEM ICE RINK PREP AND WARMING HUT AT GROVE HOLMAN AND REMOVE RAIL TRAIL AND PICKLE BALL COURT.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER RICK MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2018.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMISSIONER WOODWORTH.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chairman Espich said he had gone up to the high school and talked to the PALM (Peddle Across Lower Michigan) Riders.

Josh Adams stated there was just shy of 700 people.

Josh Adams reported that the event organizers said that Owosso was the most accommodating city on the whole route.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**BUSINESS:**

**Skate Park Update**

Commissioner Woodworth reported on his discussion with Brad from PILLAR Design on the layout and cost of the Skate Park. He also shared the conceptual drawing with the commissioners and the explained the design related to the cost.

Commissioners discussed the layout and the cost.

If it cannot be done in July it maybe next year before PILLAR can build it.

Josh Adams reported the city will pay for the stamped drawings from PILLAR.

**Community Gardens – Update**

Josh Adams is looking for volunteers for the community garden.

**Rail Trail Update**

Commissioner Morris reported that the map has to be redrawn due to a mile long change and just waiting on the map.

**Parks Millage Discussion**

Commissioner Woodworth suggested that there be an advocate for the parks. He explained a part time person that would be paid.

Commissioners discussed putting a millage on the ballot to support the parks and the Historical Commission.

Mayor Eveleth explained the budget and the amount of revenue spending cut by the state.

The Mayor also suggested sharing the millage with the Historical Buildings in the city.

Mayor Christopher reported on the bid process for the skate park.

The mayor thanked the current members and said Jeremy Workman would be joining the Parks and Recreation Commission at the next meeting.

**Homeless people on the trail**

Commissioner Morris reported that several people had told him that there were homeless people living on the trail. There is quite a bit of garbage in that location.

**Bide Ride Scavenger Hunt**

Commissioner Morris reported on a scavenger hunt and suggested this for a fund raiser for the Parks and Recreation if needed.

**Date and time and meetings next year**

Commissioners agreed to meet on July 25, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Josh Adams reported that Glenn Chinavare, Utilities Director, suggested moving the ice skating rink to Grove Holman Park.

~~Commissioners were all in agreement that would be a good idea~~. (Amended July 25, 2018).

Commissioners were all in agreement that would be a good idea as this has been discussed in the past.

**COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:54 P.M.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY VICE CHAIR SELBIG.**

**ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**