

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019
City Hall Council Chambers
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 Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners, Jerry Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, and Nick Seabasty.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Randy Woodworth and Andrew Workman (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2019 AS AMENDED.**

MOTION SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG.

AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

CHANGES: MAKE NO. 1 AND NO. 4 ONE ITEM, ADD NO. 6 FOR A MEETING FRIDAY, NO. 7 THE CONSUMERS ENERGY GRANT AND NO. 8 THE NEXT MEETING DAY AND TIME.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2019.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BUSINESS:

Polar Plunge Update

Mr. Adams reported that the dock can be used for the Polar Plunge. He also reported there may restrictions placed on using the dock.

Chairman Espich reported that it is not possible to do a patronicity program for the Polar Plunge because it doesn't meet the qualifications required by the state.

Chairman Espich asked Mr. Adams if the city could set up a "Go Fund Me" account for donations to the Polar Plunge. Mr. Adams will check with the finance director.

Chairman Espich asked for volunteers prior to or on March 23rd. Commissioner Hebekeuser volunteered to help on the 23rd.

Chairman Espich reported he is trying to organize a corn hole tournament as a fundraiser. Commissioners discussed pro and cons of where and when to have the tournament. Chairman Espich said he would work on organizing it.

Vice-chair Selbig said he would check with John Lowman from the Wrought Iron Grill about the "Bash after the Splash".

Skate Park

Mr. Adams reported that Pillar will begin the skate park in late April or early May. He also reported the he and Commissioner Woodworth are going to figure out a local value on in-kind donations. They will be working on it next week.

Chairman Espich explained they chose Pillar because they would use the in-kind donations to lower the costs of the skate park.

Skate Park Naming Contest

Chairman Espich suggested asking the city manager about holding a naming contest. Mr. Adams said he will check with the city manager.

Commissioners discussed some ideas for a naming contest.

Holman Building

Mr. Adams reported that the Peltier's are ready to do a rendering; however, they need more input as to what the commissioners would want. Mr. Adams asked the commissioners if they want the building split in half and which way would they want it split? After commissioners discussed the most beneficial way to split it, they decided to split the building lengthwise. Mr. Adams said he would talk to the Peltier's about doing that.

Master Plan Revisions

Mr. Adams suggested delaying this until the next meeting because commissioners had not received the paper copy until this evening. Commissioners agreed to wait until next meeting.

Meeting

Mr. Adams explained about the meeting to be held on Friday. He stated the city will be re-doing their Master Plan as well as the commission working on redoing Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Adams reported that the city is engaged with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. The MEDC program is called Redevelopment Ready Communities. Cities are required to do this to receive grant money. The first stage is talking with a focus group for ideas. This will be happening Friday. MEDC will come in and have a discussion with members of the commission regarding ideas on the master plan for Parks and Recreation. Mr. Adams invited all of the commissioners to come and speak with the focus group on Friday.

Consumers Energy Grant

Commissioner Morris told about a grant available from Consumer's Energy. Chairman Espich said he started to fill it out on line but stated someone from the city would have to do it because it was asking information that he did not know. Mr. Adams said he would follow up on it.

March Meeting (Postponed until April 3rd)

Commissioners present agreed to meet on April 3rd at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Daniel Smith commented that he has about \$300.00 from his first fundraising effort and he has received a few more donations for a total of \$350.00. He also reported on other types of fund raising.

VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:06 P.M.

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HEBEKEUSER.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**