

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019
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 Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Rick Morris, Randy Woodworth and Andrew Workman.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Jerry Hebekeuser and Nick Seabasty.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** **Main Street/DDA Manager; Josh Adams.**
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MAY 29, 2019.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WORKMAN**
- AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2019.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WORKMAN**
- AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BUSINESS:

Skate Park

Chairman Espich shared his hope that all commissioners had made it out to look at the park.

Commissioners discussed donations for rooms at the Pines for the workers they also discussed finishing up details on the skate park.

Commissioner Morris also reported on the naming the skate park contest.

American Recycling Donation

Mr. Adams reported this will be underway June 1st. It is being underwritten by Owosso Rotary. The food is being sponsored by Abiding in the Vine. The T-shirts are being sponsored by Hankerd's Sportswear. Casey Lambert is leading the charge on the project through American Recycling.

Loan a Pole

Mr. Adams reported that he got an okay from the DPW and the city manager and Mr. Lameroux is building the rack for the "Loan a Pole" to be placed at Hopkins Lake.

Hopkins Lake Fish Stocking

Chairman Espich asked about stocking the lake with money from the DPW budget.

Mr. Adams said that would not be possible with this budget. He also reported that they would look at it for next year.

Commissioners discussed the budget and how much money is allotted for parks.

Mr. Adams said he would check on finance with using a QR for donations to the parks.

Directional Signage for Hopkins Lake Bike Path

Mr. Adams reported that the Kiwanians have confirmed they are going to do that. He has not heard of when or a formal plan.

Chairman Espich shared he was hoping the signage could include markers marked for public safety so if someone was hurt on a trail, emergency workers know exactly where they are at. He also shared that it was supposed to be done last time when the Eagle Scout marked it but stated he has spoken with Public Safety Director Lenkert and Mr. Lenkert said he has no record of it.

Pickle Ball at Bentley Park

Mr. Adams reported that Phil Hathaway has led the charge on this round and has done the research. It will be \$1,000.00 for purchase of the equipment and \$1,000.00 for painting for the court. Mr. Adams also stated commissioner Woodworth received a donation of \$500.00 towards pickle ball. Mr. Hathaway has also raised \$800.00 so only \$700.00 more is needed for the money to complete the project.

Commissioner Woodworth reported that Jerry Meyer with Metro Mortgage was the one that donated the \$500.00 for the pickle ball court.

Holman Building

Mr. Adams reported the state was extending the deadline on the grant submission.

Mr. Adams also explained that he had submitted the grant request; however, they received an email from the state saying the finance codes were no longer valid and they would be booted from the grant.

The state reported they are now extending the application to the 31st.

Bathrooms at Bentley Park

Mr. Adams reported that he reached out to Laura Burroughs from the YMCA to lock and unlock the bathrooms and maintain them. He has not heard back from her yet.

Fitness Court - Proposed Project for 2020

Mr. Adams explained that he was approached by this company. He explained that it would be a grant from the company. He said it cost \$125,000.00 installed but they will give \$30,000.00. It is 38" x 38" with two possible locations, Bentley Park or the northwest corner of the amphitheater if and when they get the property.

Commissioners discussed possible donations and how to raise funds.

COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL FOR THE PROPOSED NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN.

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

Master Plan Priority List

Mr. Adams reported that the one list he presented is from the DPW and the other list is from Mike Ihm from the ballfield and Mike Erfourth and Charles Dahl for the soccer fields.

Mr. Adams reported he has a meeting with Mr. Ihm because there is one ballfield with a significant loss of electric which will need an electrician fix it.

Commissioner Woodworth asked Mr. Adams about the amount of the parks budget and why certain amounts are being diverted the way they are, He feels that they need to know these things before they can get a handle on how to prioritize. Commissioner Woodworth also asked Mr. Adams about corporate sponsorship on the parks.

Mr. Adams and commissioners had a lengthy discussion about the budget.

Commissioner Woodworth reported that Mike Erfourth has asked him to take over the soccer fields.

Commissioner Morris stated it would be like a corporate sponsorship because it is the Owosso Soccer Club.

Commissioner Woodworth stated that they need to know what money they have so they know how to allocate it more effectively.

Mr. Adams thanked Commissioner Woodworth for his voice on this matter.

Commissioners agreed that they need more information to allocate the budget correctly.

Mr. Adams said to pause on the budget and wait for Mr. Adams to get the numbers for him. There was a discussion about an ADHOC meeting if they receive the numbers for the budget.

June Meeting

Commissioners present agreed to meet on June 26, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairman Espich stated that Commissioner Hebekeuser was resigning from the commission.

COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:57 P.M.

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**