

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020  
City Hall Conference Room  
301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Andrew Workman and Kevin Maginity.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Elaine Greenway, Christopher Owens and Nick Seabasty

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Fuller, Assistant to the City Manager, Piper Brewer, Executive Director of the Shiawassee Arts Center

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER WORKMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 3, 2020 WITH THE ADDITION OF FOUR ADDITIONAL TOPICS. 1) OLD BUSINESS 2) NOVEMBER 2, 2019 MEETING 3) BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTS 4) POLAR PLUNGE**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAGINITY.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER MAGINITY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING EDITS 1) "All Commissioners present agreed to meet December 11 at 7 pm" – added 11, 2)"Holman Grove" – switched to "Grove Holman", 3) "Vice-Chair Owens" – changed to Commissioner Owens.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED COMMISSIONER WORKMAN.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

Piper Brewer asked for support for the Shiawassee Arts Center (SAC) to pursue a grant for landscape design and planting of Japanese flowering trees along both sides of the Shiawassee River within 200-feet of the arts center. Funding for this project would be entirely through grants applied for and managed by the SAC. **COMMISSIONER WORKMAN MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE SHIAWASSEE ARTS CENTER IN PURSUING THE GRANT AND PLANTING THE TREES. MOTIONED SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Ms. Fuller presented an email from Rick Dibeau listing his top 5 concerns with Bennett Park. 1) Parking area fixed, 2) Restrooms rehabbed, 3) Field light safety, 4) Scoreboard bulbs checked, 5) Water run-off problem.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Espich asked about follow-up on a warranty for the tennis court. Mr. Fuller said she spoke with Mark Mitchell and he explained the issue is not with the most recent sealant applied (where the warranty might be) but with the concrete foundation of the courts.

Chairman Espich inquired about the \$1000 sign charge on the previous check register. Ms. Fuller said she would check into it.

Chairman Espich inquired about changes to membership requirements. Ms. Fuller stated the city attorney has been asked to revise the ordinance to allow members from outside the city limits but that the City Manager had concerns about increasing membership from 7 to 9 members. Vice-Chair Selbig mentioned trying to focus on adding members from service organizations in the future.

Chairman Espich asked for a status update on the disc golf posts. Ms. Fuller said she would ask DPW if they could paint them.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **November 2, 2019 Parks and Recreation Meeting**

Chairman Espich, Vice-Chair Selbig, Commissioners Workman and Greenway were in attendance. Others present included Mr. Adams and Councilwoman Fear.

Chairman Espich submitted park tour notes from the November 2, 2019 meeting, along with follow up tours on November 9, 2019 (Hugh Parker Soccer Complex, Rosevear Park, and Grand Avenue Field), November 16, 2019 (Rudy Demuth Field, Bennett Field) and November 30, 2019 (Fayette Square, Adams Park, Harmon Patridge Park).

### **Softball Tournament Lights**

Chairman Espich inquired about the status of the lights for the April Hit and Pitch tournaments.

Ms. Fuller reported that DPW is working on making sure they all work and getting a quote to address a long-term solution. Ms. Fuller will also report back on funds generated from leasing the fields.

### **Polar Plunge**

Chairman Espich asked if the commission should do the polar plunge this year. Vice-Chair Selbig expressed that he did not think there was time.

### **Check Register Review: October 2019-January 2020**

Commissioner Workman asked for clarification on the "2020 Public Swimming Pool Inspection". Vice-Chair Selbig asked for clarification on the "spray pad license renewals". Commissioner Espich asked for clarification on the "2019 Owosso drain assessments" and asked for totals on the millage dollars to date.

Ms. Fuller said she will follow up on these items.

### **Hopkins Lake Restocking**

Chairman Espich reported on fundraising efforts and asked for additional ideas to raise funds for restocking the lake.

### **Parks Kindness Project**

Commissioner Workman reported on presenting a certificate to Everett Little at the December 6, 2019 City Council meeting, thanking him for his park cleanup efforts.

### **DNR Grant**

Ms. Fuller presented a plan to reapply for the DNR Passport Grant for the Grove Holman pool project. The deadline is April 1, 2020. Ms. Fuller purposed making changes to doorways for ADA accessibility and adding rain gardens for sustainable design. **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT WITH THE PURPOSED CHANGES. MOTIONED SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WORKMAN. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

### **New Parks Map**

Ms. Fuller presented a new map of the city parks and asked for feedback. Chairman Espich suggested adding amenities. Commissioner Workman suggested a numbered key as a good way of adding the amenities.

**Capital Improvement Discussion**

Chairman Espich questioned the intended use of millage dollars, capital improvements or deferred maintenance. Commissioner Workman read the millage language. Vice-Chair Selbig suggested priority areas for the millage funds to include parking and drainage at Bennett field and a dock at Hopkins Lake. **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO GET BIDS FOR ITEMS #4 AND #6 ON THE CITY OF OWOSSO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS. MOTIONED SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WORKMAN. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

None

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 P.M.**

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

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