

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, November 28, 2018  
City Hall Council Chambers  
301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7: 05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Espich (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Jerry Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, Nick Seabasty, Randy Woodworth and Andrew Workman.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Eveleth and Main Street/DDA Manager, Josh Adams.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBR 28, 2018.

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**CHAIRMAN ESPICH ARRIVED AND TOOK OVER AS PRESIDING OFFICER.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBR 28, 2018.

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WORKMAN.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

Mayor Eveleth spoke about the passage of the Parks and Recreation/Historical mileage. He also noted that now the work begins and Parks and Recreation commission can recommend ways for the monies to be spent. He stated he was confident the commissioners would spend the money in a responsible way to make voters happy. He also thanked the commissioners for what they do.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**BUSINESS:**

**MILLAGE:**

**Plan for the future**

Mr. Adams reported the money will not be collected until December of 2019 so the commissioners have some time to figure out priorities. He also suggested commissioners to review the current Master Plan and make suggestions on it. Another suggestion by Mr. Adams is for commissioners to make a list of maintenance issues with the Parks and set priorities. He reminded commissioners about using grant monies to enhance the money collected from the millage.

Commissioner Woodworth suggested getting a list from DPW for a list of immediate maintenance needs.

Mr. Adams went into detail about some of the grant monies available. Commissioners had a discussion about the grant monies and possibilities.

Mr. Adams also suggested creating a web page for the Parks and Recreation, as well as Facebook, to keep the public updated on ways the money is being spent.

Chairman Espich asked Mr. Adams to seek an opinion from the city attorney if the commission can change the capital improvements outlined in the master plan.

### **Skate Park – Update**

Chairman Espich reported that there would be a ground breaking the first or second week of December. He also wanted to make sure all that donated are invited to the ground breaking.

### **Disc Golf Update**

Chairman Espich reported that he spoke with Tim Law and Mr. Law has sponsors for the signs for each hole. Mr. Law is willing to do the original Michigan shaped Pads; however, he will need Mr. Beebe to do form for it. He would like the form to be a little bigger than the original one.

Mr. Adams reported that the DPW has not done any work on the trails. The DPW will try to get to restoring of the trails as soon as they are able.

### **Holman Building – Update**

Chairman Espich reported that Mr. Adams; the city building inspector, Brad Hissong; Mark Mitchell, DPW director and himself did a walkthrough of the building earlier in the day.

Mr. Adams reported that overall the building is in good condition; however, all utilities are no longer connected to the building. The building has a concrete foundation there will have to be saw cutting to restore the use of the building. Mr. Hissong stated that depending on the use of the building it probably will need a new ceiling. Overall it is a good building. Commissioners discussed ideas on use of the building.

**COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO HIRE AN ARCHITECT FOR - “AS BUILT “CONSTRUCTION AND CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS TO SPEND UP TO \$7,500.00.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HEBEKEUSER.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Stocking of Hopkins Lake – Update**

Mr. Adams reported there is only one reputable stocking company in the area, it is located in Imlay City. The cost for Blue Gills 3-6” are \$1.50 each and Yellow Perch 4-6” \$1.50 each. The business starts taking orders in April. He has a call into see how many fish the DNR recommends for the size of Hopkins Lake. . Mr. Adams suggested Blue Gills and Yellow Perch should be good starter choice.

Vice-Chair Selbig asked on the time line. Mr. Adams reported that they would be late spring or early summer and they would be delivered. He reported the price also includes delivery.

### **Splash Pad**

Mr. Adams reported that he has spoken with Casey Lambert with American Recycling, regarding the Splash Pad. Mr. Lambert assured Mr. Adams that American Recycling would donate the rubber to cover the splash pad for the “ Day of Caring” but the urethane to adhere it would cost about \$3,000.00. Mr. Adams inquired about the longevity of it. Mr. Lambert said most companies guarantee it for 10 years. Mr. Adams questioned what would be the cost to redo it and also asked about what it would do to the concrete underneath? Mr. Lambert said he would get back with Mr. Adams.

### **Polar Plunge**

Commissioners discussed the Polar Plunge. Chairman Espich volunteered to be chairman for the Polar Plunge. Commissioners agreed to tentatively set the date March 23, 2019 as the date of the Polar Plunge and this year the money raised would go to restocking Hopkins Lake.

Chairman Espich asked Mr. Adams to check with the Public Safety Director on the dates and check on cost of a diver.

### **December Meeting**

Chairman Espich reminded commissioners about the meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Morris asked if the junk pile on the bike/walking trail just east of the bridge on the left side has been picked up. Commissioner Woodworth reported it has not been picked up. Commissioner Morris also reported that a soccer mom called and talked to him about another pile of junk in the front of Rosevear Park, the north east corner. He also reported about a male person that is always parked on the east side of Hopkins Lake in the mornings. He owns an older black Cadillac. Mr Adams stated he would contact the DPW and Public Safety Director.

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:04 P.M.**

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