

OWOSSO

Parks & Recreation Commission



Regular Meeting
6:00pm Monday, June 24, 2013
City Council Chambers
Owosso City Hall

AGENDA
Parks & Recreation Commission

Monday, June 24, 2013--6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
301 West Main Street
Owosso, MI 48867

Call to order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll call:

Approval of agenda: June 24, 2013

Approval of minutes: May 28, 2013

Public comments:

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. May 28, 2013 minutes

Business:

1. Spray pad
2. Bentley Park improvements
3. Skate park

Public comments:

Adjournment:

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 17, 2013

TO: Chairman Espich and the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Adam Zettel, AICP

RE: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting: June 24, 2013

The Parks & Recreation Commission shall convene at 6:00pm on Monday, June 24, 2013 in the city council chambers of city hall. This is a regular meeting, and there WILL be a planning commission meeting following this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Though there are not a lot of new initiatives going on with the parks this year, we do have some good news! The splash pad has its permits and will likely begin installation very soon. In fact, they have the parts for the second area on order now!

The Bentley Park improvements have the full 'go-ahead' from the city. We are just waiting on the contractor to set up a timeline to do the work. This will not likely begin till later in July and I do not have any end date yet. When it does get finished, there will likely be a rededication of the park itself to recognize the playscape, spray pad, and other improvements.

Lastly, Rick Morris plans to attend to speak about the skate park. The users would like to see the equipment moved around from time to time for various reasons. We believe this is a good idea. Unfortunately, the asphalt is warped and sunken in many spots and will not be conducive to the movement of equipment. Rick believes there may be some support for resurfacing this area with concrete. We are not opposed to this, but resources to do so will obviously be an issue. If you get a chance, go take a look at the area in question and you will see what I mean about the warped asphalt.

If you have any other updates or new information before the meeting, please send it along to myself and the commission. Call me on my cell phone to reach me at 989.890.1394. **Please RSVP! See you on the 24th!**

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
May 28, 2013 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Espich.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Chairman Michael Espich; Commissioners Tim Alderman, and Sherri Chavora.

Members Absent: Commissioner Nikki Hathaway and Jeff Selbig.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; and Dan Vargas, 2012 Mr. Owosso candidate, Fundraiser for the Splash Pad / Bentley Park.

Approve Agenda for May 28, 2013:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from April 22, 2013 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. Dan Vargas, 2012 Mr. Owosso candidate, and Fundraiser for the Splash Pad / Bentley Park asked about the progress for the splash pad installation. Chairman Espich stated that the DEQ listed a series of questions which Dave Action answered. Jeff Peltier will deliver a set of plans. Then the building permits can be issued. At that time the second kit will be ordered and will be delivered to the city garage. The cement people are lined up.

Mr. Vargas said that something needs to be done about the parking around Bentley Park. Discussion about parking options. Mr. Zettel will contact Rugged Liner for possible parking agreement with their property.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. April 22, 2013 minutes

Business:

1. Bentley Park and Disc Golf Update

Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, hopes to have an agreement this week with a contractor for the Bentley Park upgrades.

Commissioner Alderman commented on the Disc Golf course – it is still being worked on, but the fundraising is going slow. Commissioner Alderman has offered the use of his equipment to help clear the pathway. It was suggested that drawings of the course would help with the fundraising. Mr. Zettel suggested the organizers could come to see him so he could assist with putting the project in order. Several commented a vision on paper and/or a marketing plan would make the fundraising progress better.

Public / Board Comments:

Mr. Zettel noted that James Anderson, the owner of Owosso Bolt and Brass passed away. The family asked permission to install a bench across the street from his business on Jerome Street near the river in his memory. It was suggested the family come to the next meeting to discuss the donation.

Mr. Zettel also commented that park funding is at an all-time low. There may be a push for Curwood Castle Park to receive some funding. Hopefully a year from now we'll be in recovery. The park plan is extended a year.

Chairman Espich asked if fundraising is done, it should be done as an outside source and earmarked specifically. Mr. Zettel stated it was better if funding is done through a private entity as our auditors don't like paying for fundraising expenses.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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