

Owosso

Parks & Recreation

Commission



Regular Meeting
6:00 pm Monday, June 27, 2016
City Council Chambers
Owosso City Hall



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: June 22, 2016

TO: Chairman Espich and the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Susan Montenegro

RE: Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting: June 27, 2016

The Parks & Recreation Commission shall convene at **6:00pm on Monday, June 27, 2016** in the city council chambers of city hall. Parks and recreation have not had a quorum for the previous two months so it is important that you attend this meeting. Chairman Espich has already informed me, and the rest of the commission, that he is unable to attend due to business related activities. Therefore, it is vital that the rest of the commission members attend this meeting.

Topics for the evening are: skate park update; disc golf update; Girl Scout Troop 30331 asking to place a "Little Free Library" at Bentley Park as a troop project. I am postponing the discussion on updating the Parks and Rec Master Plan until the July meeting.

If you have any other updates or new information before the meeting, please send it along to myself and the commission. You can call my office number at (989) 725-0544 or email me at susan.montenegro@ci.owosso.mi.us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Please RSVP! See you on the 27th!

Please plan to attend, the April and May meetings had NO quorum.

AGENDA
Parks & Recreation Commission
Monday, June 27, 2016 -- 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 27, 2016

Approval of minutes: March 28, 2016

Public comments:

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from March 28, 2016

Business:

1. Skate Park update
2. Disc Golf update
3. Girl Scout Troup 30331 "Little Free Library" at Bentley Park

Discussion:

Public comments:

Adjournment: Next meeting will be Monday, **July 25, 2016**.

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, March 28, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council
Chambers
301 W. Main St.
Owosso, MI
48867

- CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Selbig called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Was recited.
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Recording Secretary Roxane Cramer
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioner Shane Nelson and Commissioner Randy Woodworth.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Commissioner Kristen Woodbury.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Sue Montenegro Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 28, 2016, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2016, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thomas Manke, Community Views and News, expressed his disapproval of the fact that they are thinking of moving the Skate Park from Monroe Street. He stated the commission shouldn't place the Skate Park in a swamp on South Street. He feels the commission should not have changed their mind about the Monroe Street site because a couple of people complained. He talked about a lady in the audience that lived in a neighborhood and that the city allowed racks to be stacked 25 foot high and the neighbors didn't want it but he felt the city said to bad.

Alberta Phillips stated that the Monroe Street property would be great. It could be seen by people driving down Corunna Avenue. It would be in the center of town. People driving by would see it and that would draw people to the town. She would like the commission to reconsider the Monroe Street Site.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from February 22, 2016
3. 2016 Plunge results
4. Communication from the City of Corunna

BUSINESSS

1. 2016 Polar Plunge results

There were 22 plungers.

The top 6 pledgers were: Randy Woodworth, Jim Woodworth, Iron Wheels, Gary Burk, Justin Horvath, Nick Seabasty. The plan is to hand out awards at the April 4, 2016 council meeting. Ms. Montenegro reported there was \$23,600 between last year and this year's Polar Plunge raised for the skate park.

2. Skate Park update

Ms. Montenegro commented that the South Street address was something suggested by the audience at the public hearing.

Commissioner Woodworth questioned who took Monroe Street off the list.

Commissioner Nelson responded that Monroe Street wasn't taken off the list but the issues that were discussed at the public hearing were legitimate concerns. He felt they wanted to do this right and do what is right for the kids.

Commissioner Woodworth shared that he was disappointed that the grant was off the table for this year. He suggested reconvene some ad-hoc meetings so they can come back to the April 25, 2016 meeting with a clear vision for the skate park.

Vice Chair Selbig asked if any new project requires environmental test or is it dependent on the previous use of the land. Ms. Montenegro explained that the grant states - if the property has been contaminated it cannot be used unless you can prove it has been cleaned up. Ms. Montenegro stated for the Monroe Street property that the DEQ had remediated the property but there is still ground water contamination along the railroad line. In this case you would be putting cement over it (encapsulating it) so there isn't any hazard to anyone as far as the DEQ is concerned. The DEQ would write a letter to state that and the DNR would consider that the contamination has been remediated.

Ms. Montenegro explained even though the Parks and Recreation Commission has been discussing the Monroe Street location this was the first time the neighbors had heard of the skate park being located on Monroe Street.

3. Disc Golf update

Ms. Montenegro stated the holes are staked out and Chairman Espich is going to video tape this and bring it back to the commission. Ms. Montenegro stated that we want to make sure that the course doesn't cross the trails. She also reported that she received a

communication from Merilee Lawson, City of Corunna, regarding the impact that the disc golf course has had on the community. The letter stated that the police did not see any increase in police calls, the Corunna DPW did not see an increase in trash and her final comment was, “the disc golf course has been one of our best success stories and it doesn’t take much maintenance.”

4. Annual “Clean-up” date

Ms. Montenegro explained that the “Downtown Clean-up” was tentatively set for April 16th. She asked the commissioners if they wanted to piggyback with the downtown or set a different date. She also mentioned that April 30th the Saturday after Arbor Day, as another possible day. Commissioner Woodworth thought the best thing would be to hold the same day as the “Downtown Clean-up”. Commissioner Woodworth suggested putting the information for the “Clean-up” in the paper, on Mr. Manke’s Website, Facebook and on the City of Owosso Website. Ms. Montenegro encouraged the audience members to share the “Clean-up” information on Facebook.

DISCUSSION:

1. Updating the 2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Montenegro wanted to point out to the commissioners that it is time to update the [2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#). Her thought was to take a park or two per month and figure out what needs to be done to plan for the next 5 years. She suggested talking to community about the vision they had for the parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Morris presented to the commissioners a Parks and Rec Survey from 2002. This survey was done when he was on the Parks and Recreation Commission. The survey asked students and adults (City of Owosso residents and residents that lived outside of the city) what they would want to see in the parks. Commissioner Woodworth said he would scan it and send it to the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Morris also questioned what would be the problem locating the skate park at Bennett Field.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH TO ADJOURN AT 6:55 P.M.
SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELSON, ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED**

Next meeting - Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6 p.m.