

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Jerry Hebekeuser, Nell Anne Hebekeuser and Nick Seabasty.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Rick Morris and Randy Woodworth.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Donald Crawford, City Manager, Jon Beebe and Eric Sanderson, (designers of the disc golf course) and Tim Law (working with John and Eric on the disc golf course)
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 25, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADD TO ITEM OF BUSINESS NUMBER 4, REVISIT DAY AND TIME OF MEETING. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2017 AND MARCH 7, 2017. SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Vice-Chair Selbig stated he was approached by Mr. Lowman, from Wrought Iron Grill, about creating a Pickleball Court in the spot where the ice skating rink is placed in the winter. Vice-Chair Selbig reported that he believes Pickleball is a modified Tennis. He also shared that he thought it would be relatively inexpensive to create and that Mr. Lowman had offered to be a sponsor of it. Vice-Chair Selbig stated he would like the commissioners to research it and discuss it at the next meeting.

Chairman Espich asked for Vice-Chair Selbig to get some numbers to look at for the next meeting. Vice-Chair Selbig agreed to do that.

Chairperson Espich shared that he was disappointed that the Splash Pad had been vandalized but was thankful the DPW got it repaired quickly.

Commissioner Jerry Hebekeuser was also impressed by the quick repair of the Splash Pad.

City manager stated he wasn't certain it was an act of vandalism or if someone might have fallen into it and it was made to break off.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff memorandum
Minutes from January 10, and March 7, 2017

BUSINESS:

Disc Golf Project

Tim Law reported that personal issues and weather have slowed the progress but explained that he was hoping now for an early fall opening. They are now to the point they need to make some contacts with the city for assistance. There was a discussion regarding what materials are needed to finish the project. Tim Law said he will work with John Beebe, Eric Sanderson and Mark Mitchell, supervisor for DPW, to finish the project.

Eric Sanderson reported John Beebe and himself have been working all summer on the course. He also reported that they need to have brush hauled away.

Commissioners thanked all of them for their continued work on the project.

Skate Park - Status of passport grant application

City Manager Crawford reported that the application is in. He reported that in October the State will review the application and give comments where the city may want to clarify things per their checklist. In November they will release a list of rankings for each request. And around December 15th they will announce which one they will fund based on the amount of money they have. City Manager Crawford reported this is based on previous grant application and not necessarily the timeline for this specific grant.

Plunge for parks – funds collected and funds pledged and not collected.

City Manager reported the following:

- \$ 695.00, collected day of the Plunge
- 90.00 Additional donation
- 515.00 Previously collected
- 1,000.00 From House of Wheels

\$ 1,785 short of pledges made. Commissioner Woodworth says he has this amount (this was stated by City Manager Crawford).

City Manager Crawford also reported that with the \$1,785.00 Commissioner Woodworth has that this meets the \$25,000.00 requirement for the grant.

Additional fund raising – Patronicity program.

Chairman Espich requested that this put on the next meeting to be discussed.

Parks and Recreation Plan

- a. Completion
- B. Submission

Chairman Espich stated he had asked the City Manager to put this on the agenda.

He explained the grant coordinator stated if the ~~New Parks and Recreation Master Plan~~ Parks and Recreation Plan in the New Format were on file that the grant request would score better.

Vice Chair Selbig suggested allowing the new members to review the plan. Chairman Espich would like to have the new plan completed by the end of September to have it on file by October.

City Manager said he would send the plan to the members. He also advised commissioners to review the new Park and Recreation Plan.

Chairman Espich requested the discussion of the new Parks and Recreation Plan at the next meeting.

4. Other Business

Date and time of meeting.

Chairman Espich polled each member present and asked if they could make the Tuesday meeting or if a different day would work better.

Commission decided to change the next meeting from Tuesday, August 22, to Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Espich wanted to clarify with everyone that 3 missed meetings in a fiscal year you give up your seat on the commission.

There was a short discussion regarding this. Chairman Espich stated he felt that the commission could eliminate this by scheduling each meeting the month prior.

ADJOURNMENT:

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:24 P.M., SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**