

# *Owosso*

## *Parks & Recreation*

### *Commission*



**Regular Meeting**  
**6:00 pm Monday, November 23, 2015**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Owosso City Hall**

**AGENDA**  
**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
Monday, November 23, 2015--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:** November 23, 2015

**Approval of minutes:** October 26, 2015

**Public comments:**

**Communications:**

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from October 26, 2015
3. 2015 plunger list
4. Winter Carnival idea sheet

**Business:**

1. Skate Park
  - a. Update on images and size of park
  - b. Do we want to stay with Spohn Ranch or look at other designers?
2. Polar Plunge – Plunging for the Skate Park
  - a. Date – Feb 20 or 27 (check with Chamber for conflicts)
    - i. Set time for event (last year was at 2:00 p.m.)
  - b. After party – YMCA? Other ideas?
    - i. Pizza, pop and T-Shirts – get sponsor(s)
    - ii. Call Hankerd about doing T-shirts
  - c. Winter Carnival?
    - i. Ask Main Street if they would like to be involved
  - d. SPONSORSHIP from larger investors!
  - e. 50/50 Raffle – Mick Kazen
  - f. List of plungers
    - i. Contact last year’s plungers and invite to plunge this year
    - ii. Enlist new plungers for this year
  - g. Ceremony for:
    - i. Best Costume
    - ii. Most Money Raised
    - iii. Most Unique Jump

**Discussion:**

**Public comments:**

**Adjournment:** Next meeting will be Monday, **\*\*December 14, 2015\*\***.

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Monday, October 26, 2015- 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
301 W. Main St.  
Owosso, MI 48867

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 6:03
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited by all present
- ROLL CALL:** was taken by Recording Secretary Denice Grace
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioner Shane Nelson, Commissioner Kristen Woodbury, Commissioner Randy Woodworth, Sue Montenegro Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the skate community
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 26, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Staff memorandum
  2. Minutes from September, 28, 2015
- BUSINESS:**
1. Skate Park
    - Update- Spohn Ranch Skateparks - visuals will be shown at the meeting of conceptual designs that could be used with little or no additional tweaking

The Commissioners were shown seven off the shelf skate park designs from Spohn Ranch. It will be cheaper if we can incorporate a design that is pre-designed rather than

start from scratch. The plans can then be modified to fit Owosso's needs. They can also be built in phases if all the money is not available at the start of the project. The members of the skate community looked at drawings of the preexisting skate parks and gave their input on which ones they liked. Commissioner Espich will post the top three designs on Facebook to get other opinions. The next step will be fund raising. Sue Montenegro suggested that maybe the Plunge for the Parks in Hopkins Lake could be utilized to raise funds.

2. Disc Golf

The disc golf course and baskets are sitting in the Department of Public Works garage. The City manager still has not seen the final plans. Commissioner Woodworth will try to see what the holdup is.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** VICE CHAIR SELBIG MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:49, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting Monday November 23, 2015

# 2015 Plunge for the Parks Event

## Plungers:

1. Ben Frederick, Mayor of Owosso
2. Rick Morris, House of Wheels
3. Sue Montenegro, City of Owosso
4. Ned DeGalan, MMI Financial Group
5. Gary Burk, Friends of the Shiawassee River
6. Josh Adams, Owosso Main Street Manager
7. Brad Kirkland, 5/3 Bank
8. Jeff Deason, Shiawassee Chamber of Commerce
9. Teresa Graham, Central Elementary Principal
10. Anthony Karhoff, Shiawassee Twp. Supervisor
11. Melvin Renfrow, Memorial Healthcare
12. Aaron Maike, Baker College President
13. Rick Jones, Senator
14. John Beebe, Disc Golf
15. Eric Sanderson, Disc Golf
16. Amanda Freeland, Baker College Student
17. Lt. Sean Grey, Salvation Army
18. Barbara BakerOmerod, Attorney
19. Jody Lindell, VG's Food Center, pharmacy department
20. Casey Lambert, aka DJ Chewy!
21. Jim Hathaway, Allied Motion
22. Tashia Walker

### SNOWBALL TOSS

Cut several holes into a flat piece of plywood. If real snow covers the ground, have carnival guests make snowballs and toss them into the holes. If real snow is not available, cover foam balls with glue and silver glitter to represent snowballs. Award successful players with candy or small plastic toys. Read more : [http://www.ehow.com/list\\_6504049\\_outdoor-winter-carnival-activities.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6504049_outdoor-winter-carnival-activities.html)

### SNOW PAINTING

Make snow paint. Simply add food coloring to water and put in a spray bottle, then go out and paint your yard!

### BUILD AN IGLOO

Kids can use a shovel or their hands to build them. Can have buckets to scoop snow too.

### BIGGEST SNOWBALL

Who can build the biggest snowball contest.

### PLAY WINTER "HORSESHOES."

Bury a wide-mouthed water bottle in the snow so that the mouth is flush with the snow's surface, then gather sticks or small stones to toss into it from a few yards back. You can create your own version with a can or bowl in a backyard or park.

### SNOW BASEBALL

- Set up a baseball diamond with a mound of snow representing home plate and first, second and third bases.
- Place an empty water bottle on the top of each mound.
- The pitcher stands in the middle of the diamond and hurls snowballs first at home plate, then around the bases.
- Whoever knocks down the bottles with the fewest pitches wins.

ROPE SNOW TUG.... Have you ever tried TUG OF WAR in the snow?! Fun!!!

- Team up for a slip-sliding variation of tug-of-war.
- Tamp down a wide, shallow trench in the snow to serve as the mid line. Then, take up positions at the ends of a long, thick rope and let the tugging and towing begin.
- Whichever team pulls the entire opposing group over to its side of the trench wins.

### HULA HOOP CHALLENGE!

Have you ever tried using 'Hula Hoops' all bundled up in winter clothing? Have a contest to see who can last the longest!

### SNOWMAN HAT TRICK

Build a plump, snowman in the yard/play-field. Make a game of taking turns trying to land a hat on his head by throwing it Frisbee style from 10 or so feet away.