

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
(Postponed from Tuesday, September 26, 2017)
City Hall Council Chambers
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, Rick Morris, and Nick Seabasty.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Nell Anne Hebekeuser and Randy Woodworth.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** James Duntley, (Dakota Flatter’s Eagle Scout mentor) involved with working on Adams Street Park, Donald Crawford, City Manager.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEUKESER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: CHANGE ITEM # 3 FROM UPDATE ON SPLASH PAD GRANT TO UPDATE ON SKATE PARK GRANT, REMOVE PICKLEBALL AND ADD RAIL TO TRAILS AS ITEM OF BUSINESS #7.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED FOR AUGUST 23, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: CHAIRMAN ESPICH CLARIFIED SOME OF THE LANGUAGE MISSING IN THE MINUTES FROM 8-27-17 SHOULD READ, THE STATE NEEDS A COPY OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN IN THE NEW FORMAT.
MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

James Duntley on behalf of the Dakota Flatter Adams Park gave an update. He reported that it will be completed by October 1, 2017. He also asked about the name of the park. Mr. Duntley thanked the city manager and the DPW for all their help. He said Dakota would like to have a kick ball game instead of a normal dedication. Mr. Duntley stated that the neighbors have been very cooperative.

Commissioners had a discussion about the name of the field. They decided to recommend “Eagle Scout Field” to city council.

Mr. Duntley also shared with the commission on some ideas of the design of the sign. He stated his

concern was the safety of the sign.

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO NAME THE FIELD "EAGLE SCOUT FIELD".
SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

BUSINESS:

Disc Golf Status update

City Manager stated he is going tomorrow morning for a tour of the course along with Phil Hathaway.

Skate park grant application – status report

City manager Crawford went through the report received from the State and explained the scoring and why or why not the scoring received. Commissioners and city manager discussed the scoring system and ways to improve the score.

Patronicity Program

Commissioners agreed at this point it would be best to wait until the update on the grant application.

Commissioners discussed a possible "Polar Plunge" Chairman Espich stated he would like the "Polar Plunge" on the next agenda.

Parks and Recreation plan

City Manager reported that City Council will hold the public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Plan on October 16, 2017.

Rails to Trails

Commissioner Morris reported that he had a meeting on the bringing the "Owosso to Ionia Trail" into the city with State Representative Ben Frederick. He explained some of the challenges in bringing the trail into the city.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Espich formally congratulated Vice-Chair Selbig on the addition to his family.

Commissioners agreed the next meeting to be held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:44 P.M.,
MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**