

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Monday, December 14, 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 6:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Was recited.
- ROLL CALL:** was taken by Recording Secretary Roxane Cramer
- 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:** Nick Sebasty
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELSON , AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Staff memorandum
  2. Minutes from October 26, 2015
- BUSINESS:**
1. Skate Park  
There was a lengthy discussion regarding the skate park. Spohn conceptual designs were shown. Chairman Espich shared that the representative from Spohn Parks had indicated he felt a park of 7,000 - 8,000 square feet would work for the population of Owosso. When the designs were put on Facebook the reactions were in favor of

the 12,000 square foot park as opposed to the 8,000 square foot skate park. Commissioner discussed the possibility of some in kind donations to lower the cost. The Commissioners came to a consensus that the skate park should go out for bid.

## 2. Polar Plunge

The Commissioners set the date for the Polar Plunge for February 27, 2016 at 2 p.m. There was also a discussion about where to hold the after party. There was a discussion about the after party at the Wrought Iron Grill or at the YMCA. Commissioners decided to have the after party at the YMCA this year. Nick Terrick, from Baker College, and Main Street would be willing to help with a winter carnival. Commissioner Woodworth stated the winter carnival is a great idea for future years but doesn't feel there is enough time to plan for this year. Commissioner Nelson suggested having the winter carnival in the gym at the YMCA. Commissioner Woodworth is working on the T-shirts and the sponsorship for them. Commissioners agreed to meet on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in council chambers to discuss the Polar Plunge.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Nick Sebasty stated he was interested in the design of the skate park.

Rick Wheeler shared that he has been working to raise money for a life size bronze statue of James Oliver Curwood since 2011. He approached the council and began raising money for it. He shared that they do have the money and now is in the process of trying to find a location near the castle. He is leaving the Parks and Recreation meeting to attend the Historical Commission Meeting. He needs to get the okay from the Historical Commission for the location and will return to the Park and Recreation meeting at a later date.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **VICE CHAIR WOODWORTH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:53 p.m., SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SELBIG, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

Next meeting - Monday, January 11, 2015 at 6 p.m. – Special meeting