

OWOSSO

Parks & Recreation Commission



Regular Meeting
6:00pm Monday, December 8, 2014
City Council Chambers
Owosso City Hall

AGENDA
Parks & Recreation Commission
Monday, December 8, 2014--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: December 8, 2014

Approval of minutes: November 24, 2014

Public comments:

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. November 24, 2014 minutes
3. October 13, 2014 minutes
4. Park Hours of Operation draft ordinance for Owosso

Business:

1. Daniel Smith – Restocking Hopkins Lake
2. Zack Matousek – Eagle Scout Project
3. Ordinance review and resolution
4. Residency requirement for commission member(s)

Discussion:

1. Ice Rink update
2. Sledding hill
3. Bike rack at Bentley Park update
4. Open Meetings Act

Public comments:

Adjournment: Next meeting will be Monday, January 26, 2015.

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Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers / City Hall
November 24, 2014 – 6 p.m.

- Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Espich.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.
- Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioner Tim Alderman.
- Members Absent:** Commissioners Shane Nelson and Kristen Woodbury.
- Others Present:** Ms. Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Ms. Lorri Matousek and her son Zack Matousek; Daniel Smith.

Approve Agenda for November 24, 2014 meeting:

A motion to approve the agenda for November 24, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman, and supported by Vice-Chairman Selbig.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes for September 22, 2014 and October 13, 2014:

A motion to approve the minutes for September 22, 2014 and October 13, 2014 was made by Commissioner Alderman, and supported by Vice-Chairman Selbig.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Zack Matousek of Henderson is preparing to work on his Eagle Scout service project. He would like to work on some playground equipment at Adams Park. He has checked into a banana split system with two slides and a fort in the middle. Additionally it would have some bark on the ground. This would be a donation to the park. He would need approval from the city and he needs to ask the Boy Scouts of America for their approval also. The Commission was quite pleased with his ideas. He would like to work on it this next summer. Commissioner Alderman suggested Zach do more research and bring it back to the December 8th Parks and Recreation meeting with a set of plans, cost breakdown and images. Ms. Montenegro, Assistant City Manager, offer to assist Zach with future funding if he wished to contact her.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. September 22, 2014 minutes
3. October 13, 2014 minutes
4. Preventing Vandalism
5. Park Hours of Operation: Auburn Hills, Brighton and Cadillac
6. Park Hours of Operation draft ordinance for Owosso

Business:

1. **Vandalism Measures**

Ms. Montenegro prepared a packet with information from other parks in the state. Some stated that

cameras with wire cage enclosures had been beneficial with reducing vandalism events. Some maintain shrubs so vandals can't hide. Other communities have completely closed down their bathrooms. Also included were city ordinances, and rules and regulations from parks with sections regarding reimbursements by taking persons to court with fines so the proceeds can be used to make repairs at parks.

Chairman Espich noted one park that had cameras mounted across the street on an IGA that was not monitored, but when an incident occurred, then the film was reviewed. He will continue to investigate this type of camera.

Emerson, Oak Grove Park, which is not a city park, experienced a reduction of vandalism because neighbors and church groups have been patrolling more frequently.

Bentley Park seems to have more traffic. Discussion followed about vandalism. Commissioner Alderman does not understand why this happens. We need someone to explain to the board why kids act that way. The Sheriff's Department doesn't advise cameras. Vandals know how to disable, paint over or cover them. Discussion about a phone number on a sign that could be texted to if someone sees damage. Alderman suggested an expert in cameras come speak to the board about what we should get – night vision? Clear image, etc. Ms. Montenegro said more lighting. Alderman said his insurance agent and sheriff said more lighting.

2. Ordinance Review and Resolution.

Ms. Montenegro submitted a hybrid version of Section 21-8 Park Hours. The hours can be changed for particular events. Mostly the parks would be closed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Vice-Chairman Selbig questioned Section 21-3. Ms. Montenegro will research further for the next meeting. There should be no restricted hours on fishing. This revision will still need to go before the council for a public forum. This will be revised and put on the December 8th agenda.

3. Restocking Hopkins Lake

Daniel Smith would like to do a restocking project at Hopkins Lake. There just aren't any more fish there to be caught without a boat. He has some information from the DNR about getting a permit to restock. The permit is free, but with a permit the DNR can keep better track of what goes into the lake. Mr. Smith had a list of different fish that could go in the lake which hasn't been stocked since 1996. He also has a price list for fish. Mr. Smith will be talking to a biologist tomorrow about the fish. Commissioner Alderman loves his enthusiasm and knowledge, but can't make a decision without hearing from qualified personnel. Can someone else with more data make a presentation? Mr. Smith will see about having someone come to a meeting. The board wants to hear more. Ms. Montenegro will check with the city clerk if the city has any record about what has happened in the past. Mr. Smith will come back to the December 8th meeting and will start seeking funds for the restocking.

4. Residency Requirement for Commission Member(s) – No discussion at this time.

Discussion:

1. Ice rink Update

Per Chairman Espich the DPW guys don't have time right now with the leaf pickup program to work on the ice rink. Mr. Espich needs 10 to 20 guys to do this. Ms. Montenegro needs to have the packing slip checked to make sure everything has arrived. On Wednesday, December 10th the board and Ms. Montenegro will check that over.

2. Sledding Hill – No discussion at this time.

3. Open Meetings Act – No discussion at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Alderman, supported by Vice-Chairman Selbig to table other items on the agenda due to time constraints until the December 8th meeting.

Ayes All. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

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Susan Montenegro, Secretary



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 3, 2014

TO: Chairman Espich and the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Susan Montenegro

RE: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting: December 8, 2014

The Parks & Recreation Commission shall convene at **6:00pm on Monday, December 8, 2014** in the city council chambers of city hall. This is a regular meeting, and there will be a planning commission meeting following this meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Items to be discussed at this meeting are:

Business:

1. Daniel Smith – Restocking Hopkins Lake
2. Zack Matousek – Eagle Scout Project
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If you have any other updates or new information before the meeting, please send it along to myself and the commission. You can call me on my cell phone at 989.890.1394 or email me at susan.montenegro@ci.owosso.mi.us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Please RSVP! See you on the 8th!

Chapter 21 - PARKS AND RECREATION (CITY OF OWOSSO)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Litter in parks, § 18-53; streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 29; waterways, Ch. 37. [\(Back\)](#)

State Law reference— Authority to operate recreation and playgrounds, MCL 123.51 et seq., MSA 5.2421 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)

Sec. 21-1. - Rules, regulations generally.

The city manager is hereby empowered to make such rules and regulations subject to the approval of the council, pertaining to the conduct and use of parks and public grounds as are necessary to administer the same and to protect public property and the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and no person shall fail to comply with such rules and regulations.

(Code 1977, § 3.5)

Sec. 21-2. - Possession, consumption of alcoholic liquor.

No person shall bring into or drink in any city park any alcoholic liquor.

(Code 1977, § 3.2)

Cross reference— Alcoholic liquor generally, Ch. 3.

State law reference— Liquor control act, MCL 436.1 et seq., MSA 18.971 et seq.

Sec. 21-3. - Certain games restricted.

No baseball, football or softball throwing, or other violent or rough exercises or play shall be engaged in, in any public park or other public place, except in areas designated therefor by the city manager.

(Code 1977, § 3.4)

Sec. 21-4. - Motorboats on Hopkins Lake.

No person shall operate a motorboat on Hopkins Lake in the city. "Motorboat" is defined to mean any vessel propelled by any machinery other than an electric trolling motor, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

(Code 1977, § 3.6; Ord. No. 481, § 1, 4-1-91)

Cross reference— Waterways generally, Ch. 37.

Sec. 21-5. - Obstruction of ways.

No person shall obstruct any walk or drive in any public park or playground in the city.

(Code 1977, § 3.1)

Sec. 21-6. - Injury to park property.

No person shall injure, mar or damage in any manner, any monument, ornament, fence, bridge, seat, tree, fountain, shrub, flower, playground equipment, fireplaces, or other public property within or pertaining to the public parks or playgrounds.

(Code 1977, § 3.1)

Cross reference— Offenses against property generally, § 19-61 et seq.

State law reference— Malicious mischief, MCL 750.377 et seq., MSA 28.609 et seq.

Sec. 21-7. - Reimbursement for damage.

- (a) *Required.* Pursuant to Act No. 280 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1969 (MCL 318.251 et seq., MSA 13.1064(1) et seq.), as amended, in addition to the penalties provided in this Code for violating its provisions with respect to damage or injury to public property, any person convicted of such damage or injury to public property shall reimburse the city for up to three (3) times the amount of the damage as determined by the court.
- (b) *Judgment.* In every case of conviction for such offenses, the court before whom such conviction is obtained shall enter judgment in favor of the city and against the defendant for liquidated damages as determined under subsection (a). The city, with the assistance of the city attorney, shall collect the award by execution or otherwise. If two (2) or more defendants are convicted, the judgment shall be entered against them jointly. If the defendant is a minor, such judgment shall be entered against his or her parents.
- (c) *Use of proceeds.* Upon collection, the sums shall be credited to the general fund of the city and used for repairs or improvements to parks.

(Code 1977, §§ 3.7—3.9)

Sec. 21-8. – Park hours.

- (a) All parks of the city shall be open from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily, unless otherwise posted. Hopkins Lake shall remain open for nighttime fishing.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or use a park other than during park hours.
- (c) Any person violating the provisions of Section 21-8 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and costs of prosecution, by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both fine and costs and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 21-9. – Failure to leave when ordered to do so.

Any person who willfully disobeys an order by a police officer to leave a public park or recreation area shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.