

Owosso

Parks & Recreation

Commission



Regular Meeting
6:00 pm Monday, March 28, 2016
City Council Chambers
Owosso City Hall



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 24, 2016
TO: Chairman Espich and the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Susan Montenegro
RE: Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting: March 28, 2016

The Parks & Recreation Commission shall convene at **6:00pm on Monday, March 28, 2016** in the city council chambers of city hall. Items on the agenda are:

Business:

1. 2016 Polar Plunge Results
2. Skate Park update
3. Disc Golf update
4. Annual "Clean-up" date

Discussion:

1. Updating the 2011 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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 28th!

AGENDA
Parks & Recreation Commission
Monday, March 28, 2016 -- 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: March 28, 2016

Approval of minutes: February 22, 2016

Public comments:

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from February 22, 2016
3. 2016 Plunge for Parks results
4. Communication from city of Corunna

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Public comments:

Adjournment: Next meeting will be Monday, **April 25, 2016**.

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, February 22, 2016- 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 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited.

ROLL CALL: Was taken by Recording Secretary Roxane Cramer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Espich, Vice Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioner Shane Nelson and Commissioner Kristen Woodbury.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Randy Woodworth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Montenegro Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development and several bike members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22, 2016, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADD APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2016, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 2016, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016, SUPPORTED BY VICE CHAIR SELBIG, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Staff memorandum.
2. Minutes from January 11, 2016.
3. Map of Kiwanis Trails.
4. Winter Carnival activity sheet.

BUSINESSS:

1. Polar Plunge Update.

Ms. Montenegro stated we have a 20 X 20 tent donated by McLaren Rent All along with heat for it Commissioner Woodworth had secured these items. The tent should be set up next to the pavilion. She talked to Mark Mitchell from DPW and he thought that would be the best place for it. Young's has donated a hot dog roller to warm about 40 hotdogs at a time.

Chairman Espich volunteered to get roasters to heat up the hotdogs. Hot Chocolate is being provided by the evening Kiwanis Club. The after party will be held at the Wrought Iron Grill about 3 – 3:30 p.m. Free hot chocolate, coffee and pop to all those that plunged. They will donate 10% of the food sales from the entire group. SATA does have a warming bus for the plungers as long as there is a spot reserved

for them to park it. The ambulance will be on standby. There will be a diver in the water; however, there will be a cost this year, \$75 - \$100. The DPW will cut a hole in the ice. Aaron Maike will provide 3 generators. Casey Lambert will be the emcee for the event along with jumping. Ms. Montenegro has asked Josh Adams for 6 volunteers and Nick Tereck said he could come up with 12 volunteers to run the games. Chairman Espich wanted to check with Public Safety Director, Kevin Lenkert, for where the public would stand. He didn't think they would want the public on the lake. There was a general discussion about where to play the games.

2. Disc Golf – Update.

Chairman Espich reported that Kyle, Steve, John, Eric and himself met with Don Crawford. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the Disc Golf Layout in a more defined way; unfortunately, it was not anymore defined. The recommendation made at the January 25th Parks and Rec meeting was that John and Eric were to stay away from the trails and not cross trails. At the time of the meeting with Don Crawford John and Eric had not made any of the changes. Ms. Montenegro said she had not heard from John or Eric. Ms. Montenegro did say she had talked to the DPW and they had some old sign posts they could use to mark the disc golf course. She and the commissioners felt the course should be marked where the baskets are going to be along and also where the pads are going to be located. Chairman Espich asked Ms. Montenegro to reach out to John and Eric again. All commissioners want to see the layout before going forward with the plan.

Travis Fuller, 510 Grace Street, Owosso passed out articles that he had printed off the internet. These articles shared stories of adverse effects of disc golf courses. Ms. Montenegro shared that she had talked to Joe Sawyer, city manager of Corunna, and they hadn't had any complaints about discs hitting people at McCurdy Park. Chairman Espich stated that people think the Parks and Rec Commission have gone under the radar in choosing Collamer Park for the disc golf course and he wants the record to show the following: in the "2011 Parks and Rec Master Plan" adopted on January 3, 2012, on page 49, under Collamer Park- number 17 - it reads "the east side of Collamer Park may be an alternative to disc golf location." There was a statement by audience members that the trash cans will be overflowing, beer bottle, glass and cigarette butts on the trails. Chairman Espich and Vice Chair Selbig asked Ms. Montenegro to contact Joe Sawyer and Laingsburg officials and check if they have these problems at their disc golf courses.

DISCUSSION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR SELBIG TO ADJOURN AT 6:34 P.M.
SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELSON, ALL AYES,
MOTION CARRIED.**

Next meeting - Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Response received from Corunna on 2/23/2016

Interesting! I went straight to the people who would know...our Chief of Police and a DPW worker. I posed this question:

- Since we installed disc golf in the park, can you think of anything associated with the disc golf that has been negative?

Response from the Chief of Police: Never. In fact, I have found the people who play to be very considerate of other people.

Response from DPW worker: No. It attracts a lot of people.

Here is my response to your question.

- 1) We purchased our course used from the Byron Golf Course and the owner came and assisted our DPW in installing it.
- 2) Since that time, we have allowed the course to be altered by a group of people who played a lot of disc golf.
- 3) We have found a large group of people from young to old utilize the course all year long.
- 4) We have found these people to be very considerate and family oriented.
- 5) We have not noticed any additional trash in our park and maybe even less because they seem to care about the facilities they utilize.
- 6) Our council is very supportive of the course.
- 7) I believe that the disc golf course has given us added protection from vandalism due to the extra use of the park.
- 8) Even at Christmas time when we play light displays throughout the park, the disc golf people have been very courteous. One year they asked if they could move a display so it would not get hit with the discs.

Actually, the disc golf has been one of our best success stories and it doesn't take much maintenance.

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