

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

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Espich.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

**Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Nikki Hathaway and Kristen Woodbury.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Tim Alderman.

**Others Present:** Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; and Daniel Vargas.

**Approve Agenda for February 24, 2014 meeting.**

A motion to approve the agenda for February 24, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Hathaway and supported by Commissioner Selbig.

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes from January 27, 2014 meeting:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Hathaway and supported by Commissioner Woodbury.

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Public Comments:**

John Adams was in attendance from the Leadership Shiawassee 2013-14 Class. He was visiting to get a better idea of civic activities. He works for Baker College. He also introduced his classmate, Roxane Cramer who works for the City of Owosso.

**Communications:**

1. Staff memorandum
2. January 27, 2014 minutes
3. Fred Meijer CIS Trail information

**Business:**

**1. Bentley Park Updates**

Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, stated that the park information is the same. The weather restricts any changes at this time. Kevin Lenkart will come to the March meeting to discuss security cameras.

**2. Plunge for the Parks**

Chairman Espich commented that the Vice President of the LAFCU out of Lansing is donating one third of the ice rink money - \$2,000. Carrie Rathbun will be making the press release about the plunge. Commissioner Hathaway has contacted Baker College for a warming center; there are several maybes for

plungers; Commissioner Selbig has a Facebook setup; there will be life vests; the fire dept will have underwater winter suits; and two fire fighters will be in the water with a ladder to help the plungers out of the water.

There was also discussion about if there was a Pay Pal type account or Shiawassee Foundation – something like what disc golf donations can do. There was a sample T-Shirt e-mailed from Tim – the board thought it was awesome.

March 22 is the plunge at 2 p.m. at Hopkins Lake – Discussion about another news release.

6:29 p.m. Daniel Vargas arrived.

### **3. Fred Meijer CIS Trail Annual Meeting Invitation**

Ms. Montenegro was asked to send invitations to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Council for March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Agri Building in St. Johns. There is no cost for the Board to attend. We would like to make Owosso a hub and invited discussion about what can we do to make Owosso attractive to visitors. Chairman Espich said that Commissioner Alderman wanted to attend this event.

### **Public / Board Comments:**

Mr. Vargas made a bike rack and has \$43 invest in it. Could he be reimbursed? It will hold about 22 bikes. It is welded and he will donate it for the cost of materials. He will come back on March 24<sup>th</sup> when it is completed. It will need a recommendation to the city council for their acceptance.

Mike Raffaelli has a class project with salmon eggs to be released in an approved stream later in the year. His class wants to adopt Hopkins Lake and learn about maintaining water quality. Trails in and garbage out. They will have an ice fishing expedition of about 75 fourth graders this Friday and maybe we can have a declaration for the kids' efforts.

### **Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Woodbury and was supported by Commissioner Selbig. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

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Susan Montenegro, Secretary

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