PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018**

# City Hall Conference Room

301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Deputy City Clerk Roxane Cramer.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Espich**,** Commissioners Rick Morris, Nell Anne Hebekeuser, (arrived at 7:28 p.m.), Jerry Hebekeuser (arrived at 7:28 p.m.), Nick Seabasty, and Randy Woodworth.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Main Street Manager Josh Adams and City Manager Nathan Henne.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 25, 2018 AS PRESENTED.**

 **MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**

 **AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2018.**

 **MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Morris asked about the gentleman that was supposed to speak about restocking Hopkins Lake and Chairman Espich reported that he wasn’t going to attend.

Commissioners had a brief discussion on restocking of Hopkins Lake. Commissioner Morris reported years ago the lake would be restocked and last time it would have been in the 90’s.

Commissioners discussed that when fundraising for a specific project people have ideas of how the money should be spent.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**BUSINESS:**

**Skate park Update - Patronicity Program**

Commissioners discussed the amount of money raised. Chairman Espich stated that as of today the amount raised was $37,155.00.

Commissioner Woodworth said there are some more donations that he has to collect.

Chairman Espich reported on the Masonic Lodge donation. The commissioners discussed the emblem for the Masonic Lodge.

Commissioner Morris reported there is also additional donation from the Iron Wheels Motorcycle Club.

Commissioners also discussed how to honor the donations.

There was also a lengthy discussion on the design of the skate park.

**Annual Spring parks cleanup**

There was discussion regarding the date for the cleanup of May 12th or 19th.

Chairman Espich reminded commissioners about the idea of an “Adopt a park program” that was suggested last year.

Commissioner Woodworth stated he would clean up a park on May12th.

Commissioner Anne Hebekeuser agreed to do Adams or Fayette Square.

Commissioner Jerry Hebekeuser stated he would do Bentley.

Commissioner Woodworth will do Grove Holman.

Chairman Espich stated he would create a Facebook event and ask for volunteers.

Chairman Espich reported he would check with Mark Mitchell on where he would like all the trash.

**Bark Park Thaw**

Chairman Espich explained the geography of the bark park. He explained because of the way it was constructed there is a run off it creates a mud slide at the entrance. He asked the city manager if there is a solution to the problem.

There was a discussion on possible solutions to the problem.

**Community Gardens**

Tracy Peltier reported that for the last 2 years a church group has been using the gardens and growing vegetables and donating the food to charity. She also reported there were 18 beds approved and if somebody wanted to build their own bed they could as there are only 9 beds currently.

**Pickle ball at Bentley**

Chairman Espich questioned if there can be temporary poles so it could be removed and the ice skate rink back put back in the winter. He also reported that John Lowman would sponsor it. Commissioners had a discussion about the possibility of a Pickle Ball Court at Bentley.

City manager will be following up on the feasibility of this at Bentley.

**Gaga ball**

Commissioners discussed with the city manager this would be a good Eagle Scout Project**.**

**Disc Golf Update**

Chairman Espich reported that he asked the gentleman for the disc golf to come to the meeting and had had not heard anything from them.

Commissioner Morris reported that they are clear cutting for the disc golf and he felt doesn’t even look like nature. The bikers wanted the disc golf workers to stay on the trails as to not make new trails now it is more confusing for the trails. He also reported the ridge is clear.

Chairman Espich said that he wanted to leave it on the agenda and he would try and get Tim Law into the meeting.

**Rail Trail**

Chairman Morris reported on the rail trail. He reported that Henry Wolf, State Representative Frederick’s legislative aide, drew a new map so the trail won’t go down M-21. The trail would cross at the S curve on M-21, on the north side of the abandoned track then once at Delaney you would cross to the south side of Delaney, then all the way to Chipman Street and then a couple of zigzags to get to downtown.

**Date and time and meetings next year**

Commissioners agreed to meet on May 23, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Morris said he would put the Iron Wheels in the can with the other donations because they don’t need a receipt.

Chairman Espich thanked Commissioner Woodworth and Josh Adams for all the work on raising money for the skate park.

Chairman Espich stated that with all the donations turned in figure they should have $105,000.00 to build the skate park.

Commissioners discussed all the donations received.

**COMMISSIONERS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:24 P.M.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY.**

**ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**