

Agenda
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday May 26, 2015- 6:00 p.m.
City Hall- Council Chambers
301 W. Main St.
Owosso, MI 48867

Call to Order: Mike Espich called the meeting to order at 6:02

Pledge of Allegiance: Was recited by all present

Roll Call: Present- Chairman Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Shane Nelson, Kristen Woodbury.

Absent - Randy Woodworth

Also present Don Crawford, City Manager, Sue Montenegro, Assistant City Manager, and Mr. Kline

Approval of Agenda: May 26, 2015- Kristen Woodbury made the motion to approve the minutes; Jeff Selbig seconded; motion carried

Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2015 - Shane Nelson made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Kristen Woodbury, Motion Carried

Public Comments: Mr. Kline 820 Abrey St, Owosso lives across from skate park reports there are acts of vandalism at the skate park. A silver ford Focus sits there quite frequently. Vandals are using shoe polish to write on cars in the area. He thinks the kids need something to do but more police patrols are needed in the area. Racial slurs were written on the silver ford focus car. Commissioner Espich wants to discuss with public safety the option for more police patrols. Vice-Chair Selbig asked if the vandals were regular users of Skate Park. Mr. Kline said these were people who are known to hang out there.

Communications:

1. Staff Memorandum
2. April 27, 2015 minutes
3. American Ramp Company Design and Quote
4. Ideas generated by Youth at April 27, 2015 meeting

Business:

1. Disc Golf- Annexation of cemetery land for disc golf. City is working on the drain issues. Mark Sedlack has done work down at the cemetery. Liability is an issue depending on who has maintains ownership of the property. City Attorney Mr. Brown says city can't cover the liability. Time limit is the first of June and they might pull out. There is a possibility of entering into a lease agreement with the cemetery. Chair Espich says lots

of work has gone into this project. Oakhill Cemetery has to agree with the project as would the Owosso City Council. Sue Montenegro stated a backup plan is necessary in case the cemetery plan doesn't work out. Mike Espich said the backup plan is to use Hopkins might conflict with those who use the trails at Hopkins Lake. If Oakhill says no to the lease agreement, Hopkins Lake is second choice. Mike Espich asked if a second party could pay for the liability. And would be cheaper for the city to pay liability rather than a private party? Sue Montenegro presented a copy of the annexation petition that Oakhill could use to be annexed into the city. This would not, however, cause the city to assume any liability for the use of Oakhill as it is still a private entity. City Manager Don Crawford said that the police would have to have the right to go on the property. Sue Montenegro said the lease agreement would have to be between Oakhill Cemetery and the Owosso City Council. Mike Espich is at a loss for words. Jeff Selbig questioned whether Rosevear Park might not be the ideal spot for it as Rosevear is underutilized. Jeff Selbig is concerned about homeless people living in the Rosevear Park. Mayor Ben Frederick is going to the Oakhill board meeting and will hopefully take the annexation petition with him. A decision by the city can't be made until the Cemetery board makes their decision. Oakhill Cemetery has land in both the city of Owosso and in the township. Proposed site is 32 ½ acres section from Vandecarr Rd. to Rosevear Park. Shane Nelson wondered about the possibility of using the soccer field when no soccer is being played. Jeff Selbig said they would probably use Hopkins Lake. City crews would pick up pads if the need to move to Hopkins Lake arises. Nothing can be done until Cemetery board meets as to whether or not we can lease their land. We can take responsibility for land which we do not control- Bill Brown. Sue Montenegro will talk to Major Frederick about it. If cemetery board needs more time it is though we would go to plan B- Hopkins Lake. The Oakhill Cemetery board meets every three months. Mike Espich thought there would be a formal offer from the city. May have to wait for next meeting. Sue Montenegro would need to sit down with Don Crawford to discuss city involvement.

2. Skate Park – Mike Espich & Sue Montenegro met with Emmitt Keves about getting a quote for the skate park. Price lists were presented to the commission from a company in California where the current ramps came from. She went with Nick Pidek to investigate and Nick suggested that we should communicate with the youth using the park. This would give them a hands-on approach and give them a sense of ownership which may cut down on vandalism. Mike Espich stated Keves work could start the end of July at the earliest. Sue Montenegro said the City needs three bids before a company is chosen. Keves will do it at cost. Ready-mix was going to give the concrete at cost. Council may be able to waive the bidding process. Sue Montenegro said ramps are bolted together and may be hard to get apart. Sue to schedule meeting for a date to be announced later Shane Nelson and Kristen Woodbury will try to attend.

Discussion:

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Jeff Selbig made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 seconded by Kristen Woodbury
Motion carried.

Next meeting Monday June 22 2015