

OWOSSO

Parks & Recreation Commission



Regular Meeting
6:00pm Monday, March 25, 2013
City Council Chambers
Owosso City Hall

AGENDA
Parks & Recreation Commission

Monday, March 25, 2013--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: January 28, 2013

Approval of minutes: February 25, 2013

Public comments:

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. February 25, 2013 minutes
3. Ice rink information

Business:

1. Splash pad and disc golf updates
2. CIS trail connector update
3. Ice rink
4. Volunteer presentation??

Public comments:

Adjournment:

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2013

TO: Chairman Espich and the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Adam Zettel, AICP

RE: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting: March 25, 2013

The Parks & Recreation Commission shall convene at 6:00pm on Monday, March 25, 2013 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.

Though I expect to have some good updates on the splash pad and disc golf (there was a nice write-up in the Independent about this), the focus of this meeting will be on the concept for an ice rink in the community.

There has been some buzz the last couple of years about creating more winter recreational opportunities, and the top prospect has been ice skating. Legend has it that there were a couple areas in town that used to be flooded into ice skating ponds. We have attempted to revisit this, but it is extremely tough to get areas that are not natural ponds to hold water when the surface does not remain consistently frozen.

Anyway, technology and good old fashioned innovation have provided opportunities for smaller scale ice rinks that can be installed quickly and cheaply in natural areas or on hard surfaces. With this in mind, there are community leaders interested in planning and potentially funding such an opportunity. I have included information on one such prospect, and I suspect Mike will be able to fill us in more during the meeting.

If you have any other updates or new information before the meeting, please send it along to myself and the commission. Call me on my cell phone to reach me at 989.890.1394. **Please RSVP! See you on the 25th!**

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
February 25, 2013 – 6 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Espich.

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

Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioners Tim Alderman, and Nikki Hathaway.

Members Absent: Commissioner Chavora.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Paul and Pam Early, Splash Pad Advocates.

Chairman Espich welcomed new Commissioner Nikki Hathaway to her first meeting.

Approve Agenda for February 25, 2013:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Hathaway.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from January 28, 2013 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Hathaway.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public / Board Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. January 28, 2013 minutes
3. CIS Trail information
4. Map: Lions Park

Business:

1. Splash Pad Update

Mr. Paul Early stated he had five concerns regarding the splash pad.

1. Waterlines status. Does the city have the materials?
2. Have the volunteers and contractors been contacted?
3. Are all the parts accounted for and are the additional kits ordered to have two or three pads?
4. Are the permits ready?
5. Who is taking charge of the project and who is responsible for the project?

Mrs. Early stated we have \$11,618.20 left and they want to spend it in soon, so this doesn't drag on.

Chairman Espich shared that Dave Acton stated that the state commented that the tank was too high or too low. Based on the weather and ground conditions, they expect to assemble in the month of May.

Mr. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, said that Dave Acton is the project manager and is coordinating the volunteers. The city will do whatever is needed to be done for the water line.

Mr. Early stated the tank is in his front yard and everything else is at Owosso Pool. He wants to push units two and three. Mr. Zettel asked if we wanted to put one of those units in another area of Shiawassee County or Owosso, or are these destined only for Bentley Park.

Mrs. Early replied that we might want two at Bentley Park and another elsewhere. We need to purchase now and we need to match the permit.

Chairman Espich said we need to make applications for two more. Mr. Early stated with the money on hand, there is enough for two more kits. 6:27 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Early left the meeting.

2. CIS Trail Connector Update

Mr. Zettel received the draft today. The Friends of the Meijer CIS Trailway Steering Committee prefer the northerly and central routes. The northerly being Delaney to King / Oliver to Miner Pathway. The Central is Chipman to Stewart to the river. This rules out the southerly route to Laingsburg. Ron Baker wants to have a Steering Committee meeting with the consultant and then proceed with grant applications. The local trail estimates range from \$950,000 to 1.2 million. This path will have a wide range of use so path materials are still in discussion. Good locations to pull out would be city hall parking lot or near the Armory close to the Farmers Market.

There was discussion about it being done this summer. Commissioner Alderman noted that hard bikers will go straight through Owosso on M-21. Families will want to go under the bridges, to the Art Center, the Farmers Market, down by the water, etc.

Mr. Zettel will get new maps and detailed costs. He suggests that Owosso might be a good place for spending the night with the hotel and B&B's with a lot of activities and way finding signage to Collamer Park. There was general agreement with the commission. The time is right for city-wide bike lane availability with the healthy lifestyle and the price of gas.

3. Lions Park

Chairman Espich had a friend ask him about the condition of the Lions Park. People used to play Little League games there. He had a group approach him about revitalizing the park and maybe installing some new equipment. They are willing to do the work and with maybe some assistance from the city.

Mr. Zettel stated that Mr. Mark Sedlak, Department of Public Works Director, is willing to work with them. He would permit some work done by other groups and may help with a backhoe occasionally. Probably would not be able to do new structures. Once the first step is accomplished, it may be easier to try some fundraising. The rail line is gone, but they still own the property.

Board Comments:

Mr. Zettel stated that the new land purchase off Vandekarr Road will involve input from the Parks and Recreation Commission. They may expand the industrial park; use some of the property for a campground or residential.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. until March 25, 2013.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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NiceRink Online Quote # 39604

March 06, 2013

Package Selected:

	Width	Length	Sq. Ft	Perimeter
Rink Size:	52	108	5616	320
Liner Size:	60	115	6900	460

Gallons of Water @ 4": 14040

Qty	Description	Price Ea.	Total	Weight
6900	NiceRink #3 Liner	0.185	\$1,276.50	386.40
76	NiceRink Brackets	9.750	\$741.00	152.00
1	52" NiceIce Resurfacer	240.000	\$240.00	12.00
76	NiceRink 18" x 4' Plastic Boards	32.000	\$2,432.00	684.00
38	BumperCaps-8'-Yellow	9.500	\$361.00	76.00
38	KickPlates Premium "L" Style 15" x 8' White (\$20ea)	20.000	\$760.00	209.00
1	NiceRink Patch Tape 4" x 25'	0.000	\$0.00	0.50
1	3.7oz . Underwater NiceRink Repair Adhesive	6.750	\$6.75	0.50
5	NiceRink RinkRat Hockey Puck	2.000	\$10.00	0.33
1	LightUp Puck	19.000	\$19.00	0.33
1	NiceRink Installation DVD	0.000	\$0.00	0.10

Pallet Weight: 75

Package Value: \$5,846.25 1596.16 lbs

Gold Package Discount (7.5%) -\$438.47

Shipping: *Will be added to cost*

Sales Tax: \$0.00

(Wisconsin Residents Only)

Quote Total*: \$5,407.78

How to plan and build a NiceRink on a hard court surface

A very popular method of constructing a temporary outdoor ice rink with the NiceRink system is to make the rink on top of a hard court surface or on the ice of a pond/lake. This has some distinct advantages, however requires some adjustments to the normal installation and set up methods normally used when using the NiceRink system. I will go over the details of this, in a very detailed manner in order to help you understand how to make a NiceRink on your hard court surface. These hard court instructions are to be used in addition to our regular installation methods, just substituting the bracket/board installation processes. The biggest key is coming up with a solution that will prevent the brackets from sliding backward from either water pressure or skaters sliding into the boards.

Hard Surface – NO FENCE

This installation process would be very similar to the regular install. If there is no fence interfering with the edges of the court where the turf starts, you can simply install the brackets right at the edge of the court. Simply place the front spike, under the U-Channel just off the courts surface and install. Install your boards as normal, drop your liner, fill & freeze.

Hard Surface – WITH FENCE – Using the whole fenced area

For this type of installation, the spikes on the bottom of the brackets will need to be removed so they will then lay flat on the court. You can do it yourself, or we charge \$2.00/bracket to do this. Most fence systems will have a top and bottom horizontal pole. They should have a system whereas the pipe is fit into an adjustable coupler attached to the vertical poles. If so, PERFECT! Simply loosen the bolts on the coupler, raise the bottom of the bottom horizontal pole to about 3-4" above the court surface and retighten all the bolts to secure the pole. With the pole now raised up, the brackets lying flat on the ground, they can now be slid under the pole, thereby "wedging" the back of the bracket under the horizontal pole to lock it into place and prevent it from sliding backwards. You can then move them left and right to accommodate your boards of choice, drop your liner, fill & freeze.

Hard Surface – WITH FENCE – rink smaller than the fenced area

For this type of installation, the spikes on the bottom of the brackets will need to be removed so they will then lay flat on the court. You can do it yourself, or we charge \$2.00/bracket to do this. Most fence systems will have a top and bottom horizontal pole. For this type of application, leave the horizontal poles in place at ground level. Go ahead and get all your brackets in place, and install your boards. Then....Get some 1" x 4" lumber as long as you can, and lay them across the tops of the brackets just above the ground level, and screw the board to the brackets. Where the board ends, overlap the next board thereby connecting all the brackets together. Then run more boards from the boards you attached to the brackets, back along the ground to where they will come in contact with the ground level horizontal poles. At the end where the board overlap the board attached to all the brackets, screw the boards together and then adjust the long board to butt up against the ground level horizontal pole to lock the rink into place and prevent it from sliding backwards. You will need several connections from the rink to the outer fence pole to keep the boards in place. You can then drop your liner, fill & freeze.

Clay Tennis Court

If the court has a fence and you want to make the rink as big as the court, you can simply use the installation method above. If you want to make the rink smaller on a clay court, we had a client simply install the brackets into the clay court where needed and then use the NiceRink all year, take everything apart, pull the Brackets out and the clay court heals itself from what I understand.

On a Frozen Lake or Pond

For this type of installation, the spikes on the bottom of the brackets will need to be removed so they will then lay flat on the ice. You can do it yourself, or we charge \$2.00/bracket to do this. Connect all your boards if using plastic boards and install them into the NiceRink Brackets. Then shape them into the general shape of how you want your rink. Once you have the brackets/boards where you want, use a cordless drill with a 3/4" Diameter Drill Bit that is 12"+ long. (**Do not drill deeper than 6" into the ice, otherwise the 12" spikes will go too far into the ice and not hold the brackets properly**) Drill down through the hole in the bracket, and into the ice about 6". Drop a 3/4" diameter steel spike through the bracket and into the hole in the ice you drilled, and dump a cup full or so of water into the hole as best you can. That will freeze the spike/bracket in place

very shortly. Continue all the way around until you have them all spiked. Let it freeze up a little bit and away you go! One tip....Run an old ski rope or something through all the brackets, JUST IN CASE the ice melts on you, the whole mass except the steel stakes will float and you can drag it to shore. Try not to let that happen.....





