

Owosso
Parks & Recreation
Commission

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SNOW

Special Meeting
6:00 pm Monday, January 11, 2016
City Council Chambers
Owosso City Hall



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 7, 2016

TO: Chairman Espich and the Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Susan Montenegro

RE: Parks & Recreation Commission Special Meeting: January 11, 2016

The Parks & Recreation Commission shall convene at **6:00pm on Monday, January 11, 2016** in the city council chambers of city hall. This is a special meeting to hear from Mr. Wheeler on the statue for Curwood Castle Park and to plan for the 2016 polar plunge.

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 11th!

AGENDA
Parks & Recreation Commission – Special Meeting
Monday, January 11, 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: January 11, 2016

Approval of minutes: December 14, 2015

Public comments:

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from December 14, 2015
3. Winter Carnival idea sheet

Business:

1. Curwood Castle Park Statue
2. 2016 Polar Plunge Planning

Discussion:

Public comments:

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

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, December 14, 2015- 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 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Was recited.

ROLL CALL: was taken by Recording Secretary Roxane Cramer

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Montenegro Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, Nick Sebasty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELSON , AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from October 26, 2015

BUSINESS:

1. Skate Park

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the skate park. Spohn conceptual designs were shown. Chairman Espich shared that the representative from Spohn Parks had indicated he felt a park of 7,000 - 8,000 square feet would work for the population of Owosso. When the designs were put on Facebook the reactions were in favor of

the 12,000 square foot park as opposed to the 8,000 square foot skate park. Commissioner discussed the possibility of some in kind donations to lower the cost. The Commissioners came to a consensus that the skate park should go out for bid.

2. Polar Plunge

The Commissioners set the date for the Polar Plunge for February 27, 2016 at 2 p.m. There was also a discussion about where to hold the after party. There was a discussion about the after party at the Wrought Iron Grill or at the YMCA. Commissioners decided to have the after party at the YMCA this year. Nick Terrick, from Baker College, and Main Street would be willing to help with a winter carnival. Commissioner Woodworth stated the winter carnival is a great idea for future years but doesn't feel there is enough time to plan for this year. Commissioner Nelson suggested having the winter carnival in the gym at the YMCA. Commissioner Woodworth is working on the T-shirts and the sponsorship for them. Commissioners agreed to meet on January 11th at 6 p.m. in council chambers to discuss the Polar Plunge.

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nick Sebasty stated he was interested in the design of the skate park.

Rick Wheeler shared that he has been working to raise money for a life size bronze statue of James Oliver Curwood since 2011. He approached the council and began raising money for it. He shared that they do have the money and now is in the process of trying to find a location near the castle. He is leaving the Parks and Recreation meeting to attend the Historical Commission Meeting. He needs to get the okay from the Historical Commission for the location and will return to the Park and Recreation meeting at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT: **VICE CHAIR WOODWORTH MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:53 p.m., SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SELBIG, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

Next meeting - Monday, January 11, 2015 at 6 p.m. – Special meeting

SNOWBALL TOSS

Cut several holes into a flat piece of plywood. If real snow covers the ground, have carnival guests make snowballs and toss them into the holes. If real snow is not available, cover foam balls with glue and silver glitter to represent snowballs. Award successful players with candy or small plastic toys. Read more : http://www.ehow.com/list_6504049_outdoor-winter-carnival-activities.html

SNOW PAINTING

Make snow paint. Simply add food coloring to water and put in a spray bottle, then go out and paint your yard!

BUILD AN IGLOO

Kids can use a shovel or their hands to build them. Can have buckets to scoop snow too.

BIGGEST SNOWBALL

Who can build the biggest snowball contest.

PLAY WINTER "HORSESHOES."

Bury a wide-mouthed water bottle in the snow so that the mouth is flush with the snow's surface, then gather sticks or small stones to toss into it from a few yards back. You can create your own version with a can or bowl in a backyard or park.

SNOW BASEBALL

- Set up a baseball diamond with a mound of snow representing home plate and first, second and third bases.
- Place an empty water bottle on the top of each mound.
- The pitcher stands in the middle of the diamond and hurls snowballs first at home plate, then around the bases.
- Whoever knocks down the bottles with the fewest pitches wins.

ROPE SNOW TUG.... Have you ever tried TUG OF WAR in the snow?! Fun!!!

- Team up for a slip-sliding variation of tug-of-war.
- Tamp down a wide, shallow trench in the snow to serve as the mid line. Then, take up positions at the ends of a long, thick rope and let the tugging and towing begin.
- Whichever team pulls the entire opposing group over to its side of the trench wins.

HULA HOOP CHALLENGE!

Have you ever tried using 'Hula Hoops' all bundled up in winter clothing? Have a contest to see who can last the longest!

SNOWMAN HAT TRICK

Build a plump, snowman in the yard/play-field. Make a game of taking turns trying to land a hat on his head by throwing it Frisbee style from 10 or so feet away.

ICE SKATING

Clear an area of the lake for ice skating if the weather holds and the lake freezes. Skaters would have to bring their own skates. Provide bails of straw to sit on.