

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Draft Minutes of Wednesday, October 25, 2023

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Workman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Chairman Workman, Vice Chair Selbig, Commissioners Rodman, Bila, Horton, Smith, and Maginity.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** None.
- OTHERS PRESENT:*** Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager, and Dan Smith, Michigan E-waste
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 25, 2023 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE CURWOOD GRANT. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HORTON. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HORTON. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- OLD BUSINESS REPORT:**
- Amy Fuller reported that there was an opportunity to purchase fish for Hopkins Lake over the next few days. Commission Bila volunteered to pick up the fish.
- Amy Fuller reported on the delays in installing water at the dog park and community garden. DPW will have to hire DayStarr to bore under the road. DPW anticipates completing the work before winter.
- ITEM OF BUSINESS:**
- Fitness Course:** Amy Fuller shared an updated route of 999 meters for the suggested fitness. There was a discussion on signage and how many fitness stations should be included.
- Bennett Fields:** Amy Fuller reported that she, Commissioner Bila, and Commissioner Rodman painted the concession stand building and that hand dryers were ordered. She also shared that she had scheduled a meeting with the president of the softball league to discuss other improvements, including trees and signage. There was a discussion on placing trees at the fields.
- Curwood Grant:** Amy Fuller requested permission to apply for a grant from the Curwood Festival to replace the mural on Mitchell Amphitheater. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SMITH TO HAVE STAFF APPLY FOR THE GRANT, MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RODMAN. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: Dan Smith from Michigan E-Waste talked about his curbside recycling business and said he plans to plant one tree for each customer. He indicated he would be purchasing saplings from the Conservation District and is interested in planting them in parks.

Commissioner Bila thanked Amy Fuller and Commissioner Rodman for their help painting at Bennett Fields. Other Commissioners also expressed thanks.

ADJOURNMENT: COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:46 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager