

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes of Thursday, December 22, 2022

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Workman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Chairman Workman, Commissioners Horton (7:05), Maginity, Smith, Bila, and Rodman
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Vice Chair Selbig.
- OTHERS PRESENT:*** Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager and Dennis Mahoney
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 22, 2022. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAGINITY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2022 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- COMMUNICATIONS:** Written comments on the City of Owosso Draft Parks & Recreation Plan were submitted by the Friends of the Shiawassee River.
- ITEM OF BUSINESS:**
- Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing:**
- Chairman Workman called for public comments on the plan:
- Dennis Mahoney, Owosso resident, suggested recognizing the Owosso Soccer Club on pages 13, 14, and 54 of the plan for their work in providing soccer opportunities in Owosso and their help with Hugh Parker Fields. Mr. Mahoney also commented that the draft was good and concise. COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO MAKE THE SUGGESTED CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- Commissioner Rodman suggested reviewing the letter from the Friends of the Shiawassee River. Discussion about the Shi-Tri followed. COMMISSIONER RODMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD THE SHI-TRI TO THE COMMUNITY EVENT SECTION OF THE PLAN. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- The Commission discussed the Friends of the Shiawassee River's requests to add an action item for controlling invasive species along the river and removing or modifying the three low head dams within the city limits. Commissioner Bila requested more information on invasive species versus native species and stated he was not in favor of removing the dams. Commissioner Rodman stated she needed more information than was provided before making a decision on the dams. COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE

THE DISCUSSION ON THE LOW HEAD DAMS AND THE INVASIVE SPECIES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RODMAN. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Smith commented that the plan was beautiful and thanked everyone for a great job.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022**

**2023-2027 OWOSSO PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso reviews its parks and recreation plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, the city council has appointed a park and recreation commission to oversee the plan; and

WHEREAS, the parks and recreation commission reviewed the 2018 plan by holding meetings on March 23, 2022, April 27, 2022, July 27, 2022, and October 25, 2022, in order to get public participation and input for a potential update; and

WHEREAS, updates and amendments to the plan were made in accordance with public, commissioner, and staff input.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Owosso Parks and Recreation Commission, hereby recommends approval of the 2023-2027 Owosso Parks and Recreation Plan.

COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RODMAN.

Roll call vote:

Ayes, Commissioners Rodman, Bila, Smith, Maginity, Horton, and Chairman Workman.

Nays, none.

**Next Meeting:** January 25, 2023, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

**PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAGINITY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager