

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019  
City Hall Council Chambers  
301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7: 00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Deputy City Clerk Roxane Cramer

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners, Rick Morris, Nick Seabasty and Randy Woodworth (Arrived at 7:47 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Jerry Hebekeuser and Andrew Workman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Main Street/DDA Manager, Josh Adams.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 23, 2019 AS AMENDED.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**CHANGES: ADD ITEM #7 DISC GOLF.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 19, 2018.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**

**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**BUSINESS:**

**Polar Plunge Update**

Chairman Espich reported that the Independent Newspaper was going to a story on the Polar Plunge. He stated he was waiting to make sure all commissioners were on the same page. He also suggested doing a Patronicity Grant for the fundraising.

Commissioners began a discussion on the restocking of Hopkins Lake.

Mr. Adams reported that he found a 1997 DNR report on their website. He also highlighted items from a report that City Manager Henne had found where DNR had actually done a study on Hopkins Lake.

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion about the study along with the restocking Hopkins Lake.

Chairman Espich invited commissioners to join the Polar Plunge Committee.

Commissioner Morris suggested contacting some of local fishermen for their support.

Mr. Adams also reported the dock at Hopkins Lake has lost a couple of floating drums. He said some boards have popped up. The DPW will be able to repair the boards but not the floating drums. He is going to check to see if it safe to use for the plunge.

Mr. Adam also stated he would check with Public Safety Director Lenkert on Public Safety's involvement with the plunge.

### **Skate Park Update**

Mr. Adams said he has asked Brad from Pillar about the date they will start the skate park or the week. Mr. Adams needs to get the date from him so he knows for the in-kind donations. He said he is waiting for a return call from Brad.

Commissioners discussed having a name the skate park contest and possible ways to do that.

Chairman Espich reported that the ground for the skate park has been cleared and repacked with base including the addition.

### **Holman Building – Update**

Mr. Adams reported that the Peltier's have agreed to donate preliminary architectural services. He also reported that a conceptual drawing and cost estimates would be needed in order to know what amount to request for a grant. Mr. Adams went into detail about possible requirements for different grants.

### **Parks and Recreation Millage Planning**

Mr. Adams reported that per Finance Director Cheryl Grice that the commission would be able to use some of the money on July 1<sup>st</sup> (beginning the city's fiscal year). Mr. Adams is going to speak with the Finance Director for more detail on how it would work.

### **Master Plan Revisions**

Mr. Adams passed out a master plan project list. Commissioners hadn't seen the list prior to the meeting. Mr. Adams thought the commissioners created the list. Mr. Adams said he would send the master plan digitally. Chairman Espich requested a hard copy. Mr. Adams said he would get the hard copies for any commissioners that would prefer the hard copy. Commissioners discussed the plan further. Mr. Adams suggested that commissioners look at the list, work on this for the month and come back and make recommendations.

Chairman Espich requested Mr. Adams update Commissioner Woodworth on his discussion with Pillar. Mr. Adams did detail for

### **Disc Golf**

Commissioner Morris reported the Hopkins Lake Trails need more directional signage so people won't get lost. He said Doug Cornell was going ask Kiwanis to donate some money for the signage. Commissioner Morris stated he will be helping place the new signage on the trees.

Mr. Adams stated Mr. Cornell was taking the request to the board this a.m., January 23, 2019, and he will let Mr. Adams know if they approve it.

Commissioner Morris also explained that along the rail trail people were stealing stop signs so they replaced the bolts they used. The nut on the end breaks off so you will only have a cone shape on the other end. He brought an example of the bolts. He suggested that they use these bolts on the disc golf baskets to help deter people from stealing them.

**January Meeting**

Commissioners present agreed to meet on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Daniel Smith commented that he was interested in helping with the restocking of Hopkins Lake.

Chairman Espich updated Mr. Smith on the discussion from earlier in the meeting.

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 P.M.**

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH.  
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**