

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
September 22, 2014 – 6 p.m.

- Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Espich.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.
- Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Commissioners Tim Alderman, Shane Nelson, and Kristen Woodbury.
- Members Absent:** Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig.
- Others Present:** Ms. Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development.

Approve Agenda for September 22, 2014 meeting:

A motion to approve the agenda for September 22, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Nelson.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from August 25, 2014 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Woodbury and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. August 25, 2014 minutes

Business:

1. Vandalism Measures in Other Communities

Ms. Susan Montenegro is struggling to find information. She is still in process of checking and talking with other communities. Discussion followed with the possibility of having a town hall type meeting with the topic to be ways of protecting the parks; park hours; using social media for city-wide invitation to a meeting; using the city's and YMCA's websites; and vandalism is a part of life with parks.

Discussion continued about having the next commission meeting at Bentley Park on October 13 at 6 p.m. with a notice in the Argus and Independent newspapers, and the city's website and other social media with the purpose of public open forum about pride in the city parks.

2. Ice Rink Update

Chairman Espich submitted a copy of the agreement for the ice rink funds with the Shiawassee Community Foundation for \$6,439.23. The city is to purchase the rink and the foundation will reimburse the city. It's a matter of timing with the company and when the foundation meets again. About \$700 will be left in the fund after the purchase. The money could be used for maintenance or for an additional rink. This rink will be set up in November. This has the ultimate size for the fenced in area. It has 18" high boards, a liner and pads.

Discussion:

Discussion continued regarding the next meeting in the park with possible refreshments for the public attendees.

Public / Board Comments:

Recording Secretary Marty Stinson commented that her family reunion was held at Bentley Park recently and family members commented on how nice the park was with the playscape and the splash pad. They also commented on how nice Owosso looked downtown and clean too.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and was supported by Commissioner Woodbury. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

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Susan Montenegro, Secretary