

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, December 19, 2018  
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 Jerry Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, and Andrew Workman.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Nick Seabasty, and Randy Woodworth.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** **Main Street/DDA Manager, Josh Adams.**
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 19, 2018 AS AMENDED.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.**
- AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**  
**CHANGES: ADD ITEM #9 PARK GRILLS, MOVE THE CURRENT #9 (next meeting date and time) TO #10**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2018.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER HEBEKEUSER**  
**AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**BUSINESS:**

**Parks and Recreation Millage**

Mr. Adams reported that he had spoken to Amy Cyphert, Economic Development Director/Assistant City Manager, and she encouraged the commissioners to reprioritize the Parks and Recreation Master Plan because the millage had passed. Mr. Adams suggested adding some time at the next meeting to discuss prioritization of the master plan.

Chairman Espich asked if a copy of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan had been given to each member. Mr. Adams said he would get everyone a copy of the master plan.

Commissioner Morris asked if the survey that was done in 2002 was used for the master plan. Mr. Adams suggested doing another survey.

## **Skate Park – Update**

Ground was broken for the new skate park on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

Chairman Espich reported that there had been communication between himself, city staff, Mr. Adams, Commissioner Woodworth, PILLAR and Glenn Chinavare. Mr. Chinavare had made a statement that he was going to break ground on December 12th at 9 a.m. Chairman Espich had set the ground breaking ceremony at 9a.m. Chairman Espich stated when he arrived at 8:30 a.m. the DPW was working and they broke ground at 7a.m. Chairman Espich expressed his disappointment and said he felt that was a kick in the pants. Chairman Espich further shared that the excess dirt was supposed to be used for a berm at the sledding hill but that plan was changed and the dirt was being transported to Hopkins Lake and this is more labor intensive. He also stated that he didn't know if there would be a bill sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the labor.

Commissioners and Mr. Adams discussed details with regard to finalizing in-kind donations with Pillar. Mr. Adams wants to get everything lined up with the in-kind donations and he is going to check with City Manager Henne on it.

## **Disc Golf Update**

Commissioners discussed maintenance of the trails.

## **Holman Building – Update**

Mr. Adams reported on the DNR Passport Grant.

Vice-chair Selbig inquired if a list for the uses of the building had been developed?

Mr. Adams suggested using part of the building for concessions and ½ for storage.

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion on possible uses for the Holman Building

## **Rail Trail Update**

Commissioner Morris gave an update on the Rail Trail.

## **Hopkins Lake Fish Stocking**

Mr. Adams reported the Hopkins Lake is an 8 acre lake and is 24 foot deep. The maximum number would be 5,000 bluegills and 800 perch. He is waiting for a call back from the DNR to check on the minimum.

Commissioner Workman asked if there is a way to check for nutrients to sustain the fish.

Mr. Adams suggested testing for metals. He also suggested maybe bringing

Commissioner Morris inquired on possibly dredging the lake.

## **Splash Pad**

Mr. Adams reported he is waiting on feedback from American Recycling with regards to covering the splash pad.

### **Polar Plunge**

Commissioners set the date for the plunge to be March 23, 2019 with proceeds to be used for stocking of Hopkins Lake.

Chairman Espich reported he had put it out on the Parks and Recreation web page.

### **Park Grills**

Commissioner Morris reported the grills at the parks are in bad shape. The posts are fine. He expressed his desire to have them repaired. Commissioner Hebekeuser questioned if anyone uses the grills. Mr. Adams stated that he has seen people use them.

### **January Meeting**

Commissioners present agreed to meet on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

None.

**VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:07 P.M.**

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