

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 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 Mike Espich, Commissioners, Jerry Hebekeuser, Rick Morris (arrived at 7:12p.m)., Nick Seabasty, Randy Woodworth and Andrew Workman.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice Chair Jeff Selbig
- OTHERS PRESENT:** **Main Street/DDA Manager, Josh Adams.**
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 3, 2019 AS AMENDED.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WORKMAN.**
- AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
CHANGES: ADD # 9 – BENNETT FIELD, # 10 – SPRING CLEAN-UP.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2019.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY.**
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BUSINESS:

Skate Park

Mr. Adams Reported that Pillar will have a May start date, not certain of the exact date. He also reported that the city manager gave a go ahead on the naming contest.

Commissioner Woodworth gave an update on some of the in-kind donation.

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion about the in-kind donations and how to offset the price.

Mr. Adams is going to check with Brad from Pillar for a more specific date and more information on the crew, as to how many, how many days, etc.

Chairman Espich asked Commissioner Morris to head up the naming contest. Commissioner Morris agreed to do that.

Holman Building

He presented commissioner a rendering of the building done by the Peltier's. Mr. Adams reported to the commissioners he has submitted the grant application to the State. He also reported that the State will usually send it back to allow for more information for more points to be awarded. The grants are awarded in December.

Hopkins Lake Fish Stocking

Chairman Espich reported they only had two confirmed jumpers so they cancelled the plunge and the Corn Hole Tournament will be at Rival's on April 13th at 11 a.m.

Corn hole Tournament

American Recycling Donation

Mr. Adams stated the American Recycling still wants to do a donation for this. Commissioners decided they wanted to coat the splash pad. Chairman Espich asked about capital improvement

Bathrooms at Bentley Park

Mr. Adams reported that he checked with the DPW and is still waiting on a reply. They would want to make sure the bathrooms are unlocked.

Chairman Espich stated he said that if there is a vandalism issue he has some people that would sponsor cameras.

Trash & Debris on Bike Trail

Mr. Adams reported that the DPW has cleaned up the trash.

Commissioner Woodworth thanked Commissioner Morris for his work on the CIS plan.

Commissioner Morris reported there is still a pile of trash at Rosevere Park.

Master Plan Revisions

Mr. Adams suggested updating the master plan. He asked commissioners to take some time and update the list.

Commissioner Woodworth asked about the focus group Master Plan. He also explained about have a corporate or private sponsor for parks.

Discussion planned at next meeting for the master plan.

Bennett Field

Commissioners discussed an unnamed field and possibly naming it.

Spring Clean up

Mr. Adams reported the downtown cleanup will be April 27th. Commissioner agreed to set up their cleanup for the same day.

Pickle ball Courts at Bentley Park

Mr. Adams reported that he received an email from Phil Hathaway said he was very interested in turning the tennis court into Pickle Ball Courts (the one where the ice skating rink is located). Mr. Adams also stated that Mr. Hathaway wanted

to present to the commission and he thought he was going to present tonight. Mr. Adams said he would check with Mr. Hathaway tomorrow.

April Meeting

Commissioners present agreed to meet April 24, 2018 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Morris reported on the meeting at the chamber and stated that someone they were excited about the parks. He also reported that even though the state put the wrong material on the rail trail and they are not going to replace it. Commissioner Morris expressed his disappointment that they used the wrong material but aren't replacing it. He reported some areas of the CIS Trail are fine.

Chairman Espich reported on the person that was bothering walkers on the east of Hopkins Lake, Public Safety Director Lenkert requested anyone being bothered to call 911 or the non-emergency number of central dispatch.

Commissioners discussed some possible signage in the area with instruction to phone 911.

COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:06 P.M.

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