

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

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Joshua Adams.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioners Elaine Greenway and Christopher Owens.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Nick Seabasty and Andrew Workman.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** None
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO ADDITIONAL TOPICS. 2) MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS 5) GROUP VISIT TO PARKS AND 6)LATCH AT BENTLEY PARK**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER OWENS.**
- AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **VICE-CHAIR SELBIG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER, 25 2019.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED COMMISSIONER GREENWAY.**
- AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Vice-chair Selbig inquired about adding an “old business” portion in future agendas.

Chairman Espich asked for a follow up regarding any possible warranty associated with the tennis court surface.

Mr. Adams explained that he had not yet spoken with former Assistant City Manager Adam Zettel yet. He will contact Mr. Zettel to see if a warranty was in place.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BUSINESS:

Check Register Review – September 2019

Chairman Espich asked about the \$1,000.00 charge for skatepark signage. The commission thought that the sign was paid for by donation.

Mr. Adams stated that he will look into the charge and get clarification.

Membership Requirements

Chairman Espich introduced the idea of expanding the Parks & Recreation board member requirements.

Mr. Adams & Mr. Espich recommended expanding the commission members to 9 people, allowing up to 4 people from outside of the city limits - 2 of which could/would be from local service groups.

Mr. Adams noted that both the ordinance and the bylaws would need to be updated. He stated that he will discuss this change with City Manager Henne.

Glow Queen Candidate

Chairman Espich introduced the idea of Parks & Rec having a candidate for the Owosso Main Street Glow Queen contest. He suggested the idea of having Commissioner Greenway be the candidate.

Ms. Greenway indicated that she was not interested in taking part in the contest

The commission agreed that it would be too soon to have a candidate for this year, but possibly having a candidate for next year's contest.

Disc Golf – Update

Mr. Espich stated that the posts for the disc golf are ready to be installed. He asked to have the DPW paint and install the posts as soon as possible.

Commissioner Owens asked to see if the DPW can connect with the local Masons and they could paint the posts.

Mr. Espich asked Mr. Adams to reach out to DPW to have the posts delivered to the Masons for painting.

Group Visits to Parks

Commissioner Greenway suggested that two or more of the commissioners conduct a walkabout in each park to determine what improvements need to be made.

The commission agreed to visit the parks throughout the next few weekends from 10:30am-12:00pm to evaluate each park's needs and deferred maintenance issues. If a quorum is expected, a special meeting notice will be completed.

Swing latch at Bentley Park

Mr. Adams stated that DPW will be repairing the latch on the children's swing at Bentley Park as soon as their schedule allows.

Capital Improvement Discussion

Mr. Espich stated that he would like the City Manager to describe to the commission how many of the larger maintenance projects were going to be completed without the millage.

Mr. Adams stated that those "deferred maintenance" issues were exactly why millage dollars were requested. He recommended that the commission focus on the Grove Holman Building as their new project and focus the rest of the millage dollars on those deferred maintenance issues that will have the biggest impact.

Vice-Chair Selbig discussed the importance of addressing all the parks, not just those with higher use or visibility.

Next Meeting December 11 @ 7 p.m.

All commissioners present agreed to meet December 11 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None

COMMISSIONER OWENS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M.

**MOTION SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG
ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.**