

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Monday, September 28, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
301 W. Main Street  
Owosso, MI 48867

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Espich at 6:03
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge was recited by all present
- ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Denice Grace
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioner Shane Nelson, Commissioner Kristen Woodbury
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Randy Woodworth and Sue Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Sedlak – Director of Public Services, Zach Matousek - Eagle Scout and members of the skate community
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELSON, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER NELSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SELBIG , AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**  
July 27, 2015 – No Quorum  
August 24, 2015 - No Quorum
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE
- COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Staff Memorandum
  2. Keyes report with city engineer comments in yellow
  3. Skate Park update
  4. Minutes from June 22, July 27, & August 24 (no quorum in July & August)
- BUSINESS:**
1. Adams Park- Zach Matousek- playscape completion details

Eagle Scout Zach Matousek stood up in front of the board to thank the Commission and the community for allowing him to make his vision a reality. Pictures of the project had been previously distributed to the Commission. The playscape is bigger than originally intended due to there being more money contributed than originally thought. The original estimate was \$3,500 but \$6,500 was raised. They also painted an existing swing set and cleared away some brush. Commissioner Woodbury asked how many volunteers he had and Zach stated he had 52. Commissioner Nelson asked what he had learned managing the project. Zach said he learned that some people either can't or won't follow orders. The Commission praised his work.

## 2. Annual election of officers

Commissioner Espich opened the floor for the nomination of officers. He then stated that he would be willing to remain as Chair and Vice Chair Selbig said he would be happy to continue as Vice Chair.

**COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO ALLOW CHAIRMAN ESPICH AND VICE CHAIR SELBIG TO REMAIN IN THEIR PERSPECTIVE SEATS, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. Skate Park

The quote from the contractor has increased. The city engineer thinks the bid is still too low for what is planned. The original bid was \$5,000 a couple of years ago and is now at \$16,000. At the present time the city only has \$12,000 allotted for this project. The current site is in a flood plain and other areas are being discussed. Other proposed areas are Wright Street and off of Monroe Avenue both of which are built on higher ground. The question is do we want to spend money on what we have now or pick a better spot. Evergreen out of Oregon and Spohn out of California have submitted bids for the project. The cost would be between \$25-35 per square feet. Commissioner Selbig asked if the site where Holman Pool was is a viable site. Commissioner Espich thinks the ice skating rink may be scheduled to go there.

Some of the kids who used the skate park reported that some of the welds are breaking. They asked if they could purchase some cinder blocks to build a ledge. Commissioner Espich approved this idea. He is going to explore ideas from the community on the skate park Facebook page. He and Commissioner Woodworth are forming an Ad hoc committee which will meet regularly to discuss the skate park.

**COMMISSIONER SELBIG MADE A MOTION FOR THE SKATE COMMUNITY TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THEIR ADDING A LEDGE TO THE CURRENT SKATE PARK AND TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

4. Disc Golf

The City Manager is waiting for a diagram to be submitted for approval. The City had a purchasing order and there are 19 baskets currently sitting in the city works garage waiting for this approval. Sue Montenegro was unable to make contact with those involved. Commissioner Woodbury will try to make contact to see how things are going.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SELBIG TO ADJOURN AT 6:28, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting Monday, October 26, 2015