

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Monday, January 11, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
301 W. Main St.
Owosso, MI 48867

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited.
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Recording Secretary Roxane Cramer
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Espich, Vice Chair Jeff Selbig, Commissioner Shane Nelson, Commissioner Randy Woodworth
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Kristen Woodbury
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Sue Montenegro Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, Nick Tereck Residence Life Director at Baker College - Owosso
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 11, 2016, SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ITEM OF BUSINESS NUMBER 1, CURWOOD CASTLE PARK STATUE, MOVED TO PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 14, 2015, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER WOODBURY.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rick Wheeler came to Parks and Recreation meeting for final approval of the site near the castle for the statue of James Oliver Curwood. Mr. Wheeler handed out a drawing with the approximate location of the statue. He said the statue weighs around 800 pounds. He thought they would use a fork truck to set the statue. He promised if there was any damage done to the area setting the statue that it would be returned as it was. All the costs for the statue and placement will be taken care of.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to place the statue where Mr. Wheeler requested, Commissioner Woodworth requested that Mr. Wheeler talk with the City Department of Public

**Works and get their okay on the necessary requirements for placement of the statue. Mr. Wheeler agreed to contact the DPW.
Commissioner Woodworth supported the motion.
Ayes All, Motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Staff memorandum
2. Minutes from December 14, 2015
3. Winter Carnival idea sheet

BUSINESS:

1. Polar Plunge

There was a lengthy discussion about what to include this year along with the Polar Plunge. Nick Tereck from Baker College is going to work organizing some of the activities. The commissioners are also working on organizing activities.

The following is a list of potential activities: ice skating on Hopkins Lake, ice carving for amateurs, snowball toss, biggest snowball, tug of war, snow paint and a Hula Hoop Contest.

Commissioners also discussed having a warming tent, from this tent they would like to serve hotdogs and hot chocolate. Commissioners are seeking donations from local service organizations for the hotdogs and hot chocolate. Ms. Montenegro also shared a list of the plungers that have committed to jump.

Commissioner Woodworth suggested they meet February 8th, 15th and 22nd at 6 p.m. for a short follow up discussion on the Polar Plunge.

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**ADJOURNMENT: COMMISSIONER NELSON MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:16 P.M.,
SUPPORTED BY VICE-CHAIR SELBIG, AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

Next regular meeting - Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6 p.m.