

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
(Postponed from Tuesday, August 22, 2017)
City Hall Conference Room
301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Nell Anne Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, Nick Seabasty and Randy Woodworth
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Dakota Flatter, James Duntley, both involved with working on Adams Street Park, Donald Crawford, City Manager.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 23, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: REMOVE DISCUSSION OF PICKLEBALL COURT AND REPLACE WITH PRESENTATION BY DAKOTA FLATTER.**
- MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.**
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 25, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES;**
COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH WANTED TO CLARIFY THE \$1785.00 THAT THEY WERE SHORT FOR THE PLUNGE DONATIONS. HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT ON THE DAY OF THE PLUNGE THERE WAS A GRAND TOTAL OF \$ 2,625.00 WHICH HE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE INCLUDED A \$1,000.00 LAFCU DONATION AND HE WILL CHECK ON IT, \$200.00 FROM JOHNNY V'S WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HAND DELIVERED BY TONY NASH ON THE DAY OF THE PLUNGE. MR. NASH WAS UNABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE PLUNGE. HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN A GROUP OF FRIENDS HAD RAISED \$ 375.00 THROUGH TEXT MESSAGING AND HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD TAKE THE MONEY OUT TO VICE-CHAIR SELBIG TO THE PLUNGE; HOWEVER, HE WILL REMIND THEM OF THEIR PLEDGE. THIS WOULD LEAVE A BALANCE OF \$ 210.00 AND IF NECESSARY HE STATED WOODWORTH COMMERCIAL WOULD DONATE THE \$210.00. HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR HE WAS NOT HOLDING ONTO THE \$1785.00 OF PLUNGE DONATION MONEY.
CHAIRMAN ESPICH CHANGED THE MINUTES TO REFLECT THAT THE STATE NEEDS A COPY OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION

**MASTER PLAN IN THE NEW FORMAT ON FILE.
MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MORRIS.
AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff memorandum
Minutes from July 25, 2017.

BUSINESS:

Dakota Flatter presented an update on Adams Park. He is working on a multipurpose park. He is looking to bring it back to life. He started today. he removed roots from the back stop. He rototilled some of the field because it is uneven. He will put a weed barrier down. He stated he wanted to put clay on it but his budget wouldn't allow it.

Commissioner Morris stated that he there was leftover crushed limestone from the "Rails to Trails" project available in St. Johns free for the taking.

Dakota would like to put up a sign dedicated to the kids of Owosso and Adams Street Park. He asked if the commission could direct him to donations for the benches.

Commissioner Woodworth said he would get in contact with Mr. Duntley regarding the donations for the benches.

Mr. Duntley asked about the name that should go on the sign for the park.. The commission discussed this and said they would get back with Mr. Duntley.

Disc Golf update

Chairman **Espich** reported on the Disc Golf Course. There was concern that they are intruding on the bike trail but now that the brush has been cleared it is easier to see. He also explained that the golfers are very courteous and watch out for others.

Commissioner Woodworth explained that disc golf courses are integrated with parks all over.

Chairman Espich said there are 18 baskets in now. He also explained that the 4 or 5 city employees worked with Tim Law all day on the course and then Mr. Mowinski, from the city crew, came back on his own time to help.

Parks and Recreation Plan

Chairman Espich asked about the plan and asked if there needs to be a public hearing. City Manager explained that the city council does need to have a public hearing on it.

City Manager Crawford stated the plan was pretty much done just need some statistical information put in the plan.

Commissioner Espich questioned if there had been discussion with Owosso Township. City manager reported very little discussion had taken place with Owosso Township.

Commissioner Morris asked if the plan included bringing the Owosso-Ionia Trail into the town. Commissioner Woodworth pointed out where it was in the plan.

Chairman Espich stated he would like Master Plan to go to council before Labor Day.

Patronicity Program

Commissioner Woodworth stated he wants to wait until they hear on the grant applied for to decide the direction in which way the commission will go for fund raising.

Commissioner Woodworth brought to the other commission's attention the current skate park to see if it can be fixed. He feels they need to spend money to fix the current skate park.

City Manager Crawford asked what needs to be done and stated the city was going to paint it a year ago but they were stopped by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Woodworth feel the commission should allocate some money fix up the current skate park.

City Manager stated he thought the city had some money allocated for it.

City Manager stated he would follow up on it.

Commissioner Seabasty suggested painting them a light color because the metal ramps get hot.

Chairman Espich clarified the Patronicity Program. He explained through patronicity you can raise up to \$50,000.00 and get a match.

City Manager explained you have a time frame you are locked into so you don't want to the money to soon.

Chairman Espich said they like to keep it at 30 days is the maximum time. Things need to be established prior to going live with the patronicity.

Date and time of the meetings

Chairman Espich asked if the Wednesday, September 27th would work for everyone. The members present at the meeting stated they could make it.

Concrete children's play

City Manager Crawford explained that concrete tiles are being destroyed. Commissioners discussed what parks would be good to put them in. Suggestions included most all parks but Fayette Square. Commissioners agreed to place them at Adams, Grove Holman, Collamer and possibly Hugh Parker Field.

City manager told commissioners if they come up with any suggestions to let him know.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSIONER:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

COMMISSIONER WOODWORTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:46 P.M.,

MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER NELL ANNE HEBEKEUSER.

ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.