

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.
(Postponed from Tuesday, November 28, 2017)
City Hall Conference Room
301 W. Main St. Owosso, MI 48867**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Espich called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited.

ROLL CALL: Was taken by Deputy City Clerk Roxane Cramer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Espich, Commissioners Nell Anne Hebekeuser, Jerry Hebekeuser, Rick Morris, and Nick Seabasty

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice-Chair Selbig and Commissioner Randy Woodworth

Chairman Espich excused Commissioner Woodworth noting his absence was due to a family emergency.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Donald Crawford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER JERRY HEBEKEUSER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: ADD #9 YEAR END ARGUS PRESS STORY AND ITEM #10 UPDATE ON THE RAIL TRAIL.**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 25, 2017.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chairman Espich reported that he, Commissioners Nell Anne and Jerry Hebekeuser attended the Eagle Scout Field dedication. He also reported that it was well attended.

BUSINESS:

Parks and recreation plan

City Manager Crawford reported that the city council did approve the new Parks and Recreation Plan. He also explained Council did receive one letter of concern from Mike Erfourth with regard to the soccer fields in the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Skate park application

The City Manager reported that the list of rankings for the DNR grant applications was released. He explained that the grant application for the skate park ended up in the middle. He then went on to detail the reasons for the loss of points.

Patronicity Program

Commissioners discussed the Patronicity Program and decided to move it to next month.

Disc golf update

Chairman Espich reported that the Disc Golf Course is done with the exception of the cement pads needing to be poured in the spring.

Pickleball court

Due to the absence of the Vice-Chair Selbig discussion was moved to next month.

Concrete children's play structures

City Manager Crawford reported that the best concrete pipes are being saved for them.

Date and time of meetings next year

Commissioners discussed meeting times and dates for next year and decided they would like to set those up from month to month.

Date and time of December 2017 meeting

COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27, 2017 AT 7:30 PM.

MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY.

AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

End of year article for Argus Press

Chairman Espich shared that he is writing an end of year article for the Argus Press about the Parks and Recreation and the progress that has been made. He asked the city manager about some input from city staff. City Manager Crawford assured Chairman Espich that he would get him information if he needed it.

Update on Rail Trail

Commissioner Morris reported that they meet with State Representative Frederick and his assistant, Henry. State Rep Frederick is still trying to get permission from the railroad (from Delaney out to M-21) for the trail to cross their property. Commissioner Morris also reported that there are some problems with the limestone on the trail and they are working to rectify that situation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Christopher Eveleth invited everyone to the Stream Railroading Institute December 5, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. to a Meet and Greet for the four city manager candidates. He also reported that interviews would be conducted on December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers and reminded everyone they are open to the public.

COMMISSIONER MORRIS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:27 P.M.

MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SEABASTY

ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED.