

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Owosso City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Selbig called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Vice-Chair Selbig, Commissioners Smith, Horton, and Bila.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Chairman Workman, Commissioners Rodman and Maginity
- OTHERS PRESENT:*** Amy Fuller, Rich Lowe, Frank Livingston, Donna Kanan, and Melissa Higbee
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 26, 2023. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2023 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Frank Livingston, a 35-year resident of the City of Owosso spoke about his involvement with both the dog park and the community garden at Collamer Park. Frank explained there is a group of dedicated volunteers who work very hard to make the dog park nice but they and the community gardens need a water source. Commissioner Horton asked Amy Fuller what the Commission would need to do to bring water to that area. Amy responded that a bottle filler-style water fountain could be installed between the gardens and the dog park, to be shared. The cost to run the water line and purchase the fountain would be \$6,000. There was a discussion from the other commissioners supporting this idea. **Commissioner Horton made a motion to spend up to \$7,000 from the park's millage funds on installing water service at Collamer Park. Motion supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes, all. Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**PRESENTATION:**

Melissa Higbee and Donna Kanan from the Shiawassee Conservation District presented an invasive species survey of the city parks.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

**Rudy DeMuth Fields:** The Commission discussed the presentation given at the previous meeting by Chris Harrand and Kris Poag and reviewed the needs at the fields. Commissioner Bila suggested purchasing AEDs for all of the fields, Amy Fuller will research grant opportunities for AEDs. **Commissioner Horton made a motion to authorize staff to spend up to \$8,000 for the purchase of one new scoreboard and two new**

**doors for the outbuildings from the park's millage funds. Motion supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes, all. Motion carried.**

Fitness Course: There was no update on this item.

Hopkins Lake Trails: The Commission briefly discussed the need for more directional signage and decided to add this item to the next month's agenda.

**Next Meeting**: May 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

**PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**: COMMISSIONER HORTON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BILA. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager