

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes of Wednesday, September 25, 2024
7:00 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Workman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Was taken by Amy Fuller

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Workman, Vice Chair Selbig (7:09), Commissioners Maginity (7:05), Lienau, Mahoney, Rodman and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2024. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 28, 2024 WITHOUT CHANGES. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MAHONEY. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

OLD BUSINESS REPORT:

Amy Fuller reported that DPW had planted 5 trees at the soccer fields which were sponsored by Rotary. She also reported that staff is still waiting on the grant agreement for the playground at Grand Avenue Park. There was a discussion on a potential fitness course at Harmon Patridge Park.

ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Great Start Shiawassee Signage: The Commission reviewed a request from Great Start Shiawassee to post a sign promoting literacy at Bentley Park. Motion by Commissioner Rodman to allow the placement of the sign at Bentley Park and Harmon Patridge Park. Supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes, all.

Park Signage and Wayfinding: The Commissioner reviewed wayfinding sign recommendations made by the city engineer. It was noted that this was a goal of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion by Commissioner Rodman to purchase and install 23 wayfinding signs with white lettering and a brown background for a materials cost not to exceed \$2,000. Supported by Commissioner Mahoney. Ayes, all.

Bylaw Amendment: The Commission reviewed a draft bylaw amendment to create a student seat on the commission. Commissioners discussed that this idea had been approved previously but staff has just recently been able to create a partnership with Owosso Public Schools to help find a student for the seat. This is a nonvoting, one-year term, to bring a new perspective to Commission decision-making and will need City Council approval. Motion by Commissioner Maginity to fix the typo in Section 1, b), III. to add the word one, establishing a one-year term. Support by Commissioner Smith. Ayes, all. Motion by Commissioner Selbig to amend the bylaws. Support by Commissioner Rodman. Ayes, all.

Millage Project Priorities: Commissioners reviewed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and discussed the highest priority items. Motion made by Commissioner Mahoney to table the discussion for the October meeting. Support by Commissioner Rodman. Ayes, all.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM at City Hall

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Rodman asked the Assistant City Manager what projects would score the highest for possible grants.

ADJOURNMENT: COMMISSIONER MAHONEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:10 P.M. MOTION SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AYES ALL, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager