

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MARCH 13, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Earl Wolf and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Chairman Earl Wolf, Vice Chair Teri Nelson, Commissioners Kent Hall and Tammy Scott. Absent: Jeff Markstrom and Amie Brown (arrived 7:03 p.m.).

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, and MSU Journalism Students.

Motion by **Scott**, second by **Hall**, to excuse Markstrom. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Hall**, to move Discussion Item 8a (Volunteers Community Park Site Plan) to Action Item 7a. and approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Chairman Wolf called for public comments at this time and there were none.

6. Approval of Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2019:

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Scott**, to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2019 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Action Items:

7a. Volunteers Community Park Site Plan:

(Brown arrived 7:03 p.m.)

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Brown**, to recommend City Council approve the engineering proposal from C2AE for Volunteers Community Park up to \$8,425. Yes: Brown, Hall, Scott, Wolf, Nelson. No: None. **Motion passed.**

8. Discussion Items

8a. Youth Recreation Services:

Manager Schmidt stated the City currently provides youth recreation services to the community through an agreement with Meridian Township. The Township has a Parks and Recreation department which administers youth programs. Over the past few years, other youth sports groups have emerged within the Williamston

area. Manager Schmidt wanted to get the Commission's feedback on these services and the contract renewal.

10. Staff Reports

Manager Schmidt said the City has received the WildType contract for this year. This contract is to manage the river banks and rain garden and they do a control burn every few years. The City is working on getting the necessary information (design permit, building permit) to replace the older pavilion in McCormick Park. There was extensive vandalism at the Putnam Street bathrooms in McCormick Park and the City is currently working on ideas to deter vandalism. He has been working with the Williamston Stings on improvements to the baseball field. The City took down the old shed in Memorial Park and is sharing the temporary shed with the baseball program for storage.

11. Audience Participation:

The Commission thanked the MSU journalism students for attending.

12. Member Comments:

Vice Chair Nelson has Kiwanis nuts for sale and the price has dropped to \$20/can. The Kiwanis will be holding a craft show during Jubilee, contact a Kiwanis member if you need more information. National Night Out is the first Tuesday of August from 3-9 pm, and everything is free.

Commissioner Brown inquired as to if the City has bike trails and was told we do not. Greater Lansing Association of Realtors (GLAR) would like to volunteer time to help in the parks, possibly next year.

Commissioner Scott said that the Chamber will be holding the Art and Grub Crawl again this year in May.

Chairman Wolf thanked Manager Schmidt for attending the Williamston Area Service Organization (WASO) meeting. This is where groups and service organizations share information/events and is open to all. Contact Nick Horstman to get on the WASO mailing list. The Williamston Area Beautification Fund (WABF) is actively recruiting concert sponsors. The annual work day in the Park will be scheduled for May.

13. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

***THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Barbara J. Burke, City Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____