

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
JULY 14, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Earl Wolf and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call:**

Chairman Earl Wolf, Vice Chair Teri Nelson, Commissioners Tommy Pratt, John Magee, Kent Hall, and Tammy Scott. Absent: Caleb Moody.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, Susan Waltz with the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club, and citizen Jeff West.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Under Discussion Items, add item 8a. Basketball Courts at Trent Allen Memorial Courts.

Motion by **Magee**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**5. Audience Participation:**

Jeff West commented on the basketball courts at the Trent Allen Memorial Courts in Volunteers Community Park. There are groups holding tournaments, recording their games and dunks, breaking the backboard glass and posting these videos to social media. They should be held responsible. He felt there should be rules established so these rules can be enforced. He mentioned Mr. Paige Paulsen, Director of Athletics and Enrichment at Williamston Community Schools, would be a good resource for helping develop rules.

**6. Approval of Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021:**

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Scott**, to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2021 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Action Items:**

**7a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Nelson**, to elect Earl Wolf as the Parks and Recreation Commission Chair. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Wolf**, second by **Pratt**, to elect Teri Nelson as the Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7b. Submission of Memorial Park Planning & Engineering Grant:**

Motion by **Magee**, second by **Nelson**, to recommend to City Council the submission of an application to the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage Grant Program to support the planning and engineering work for Memorial Park trail and connectivity improvements. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7c. Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club Daffodils Proposal for McCormick Park:**

Susan Waltz with the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club reviewed the written material in the packet and answered questions.

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Pratt**, to recommend to City Council that the City accept the proposal from the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club on daffodil planting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7d. Community Message Board Location:**

There was discussion on location, safety concerns, lighting, zoning, electricity, maintenance, etc.

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Magee**, to table Community Message Board Location to gather more information and bring back to the Commission next month. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**8. Discussion Items:**

**8a. Basketball Courts at Trent Allen Memorial Courts:**

There was discussion on drafting rules for the basketball courts. The City Manager can write rules for parks but the question is if those rules can be enforced. It was suggested to do "No Dunking" signs onto the glass blackboards now and see how that works and to perhaps reach out to the Williamston Community Schools director of athletics on developing a set of rules for the courts.

**9. Staff Reports:**

None.

**10. Audience Participation:**

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

**11. Member Comments:**

Commissioner Hall said he wouldn't hang on the rims.

Commissioner Nelson said the Kiwanis are holding an Arts and Crafts and Home-Based Business show in the parking lot at North Putnam and High during the Jubilee. Contact her or Jill Cutshaw for more information.

Chairman Wolf said Thursdays are concerts in the park. They are going forward with tomorrow evening's concert, and hope the weather cooperates. Duck tickets will be on sale during the concert.

**8b. Annual Walk-Through McCormick Park:**

The Commissioners and the City Manager left the building to do the annual walk-through of McCormick Park.

**12. Adjournment:**

Chairman Wolf adjourned the meeting while at McCormick Park at 8:39 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 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: \_\_\_\_\_