



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw County Administration Building in the County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room, 220 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chair J. Grand.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (9) J. Grand, J. Lawter, T. Berla, D. Barrett, G. Nystuen D. Chapman, K. Levin, T. Doyle, S. Offen (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)

Ex-Officio Members Present: (2) M. Anglin, C. Taylor

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None.

Members Absent: (0) None.

Staff Present: (5) C. Smith, J. Straw, C. Hupy, A. Kuras, L. Bowen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Grand** asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Berla moved, supported by Commissioner Chapman to approve the agenda as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

**D. Nordness** spoke on the PROS Plan,

**N. Kaplan** spoke on the Huron Hills golf course.

**A. Schriber** spoke on the Huron Hills golf course.

**A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Berla** moved supported by **Commissioner Nystuen** to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 meeting as written. The minutes of January 18, 2011 were approved unanimously.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B-1** West Park Update

**A. Kuras** spoke on the West Park construction and renovation.

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**C. Hupy** spoke on the construction and renovations at West Park and explained the failure of the storm water swirl concentrators and discussed the plans for correction. .

**B-2** Resolution to Recommend Approval of the 2011 – 2015 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan

**A. Kuras** updated the Commission of the changes and additions to the PROS Plan.

**G. Nystuen** asked if there were grants the City was applying for that would be affected if the PROS plan was not approve.

**A. Kuras** stated yes, Gallup Park and the Skatepark

**M. Anglin** expressed concerns about private/public partnerships mentioned in the PROS plan, especially the RFP for Huron Hills and suggested more public input was needed

**C. Smith** shared that Parks had a number of existing private/public partnerships and that the previous iteration of the PROS plan also spoke to exploring such opportunities. Also, a draft of the Golf RFP was shared with the Golf Task Force and PAC for feedback prior to being issued.

**J. Grand** stated PAC had been well represented throughout the Golf RFP process,

**G. Nystuen** expressed concern about private/public partnerships.

**T. Berla** stated the Farmer’s market is a type of private/public partnership and that is successful.

**T. Berla** moved, supported by **T. Doyle** to discuss the Resolution.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE 2011-2015  
PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN SPACE PLAN

Whereas, The Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS) has expired and the updated PROS Plan must be approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by April 1, 2011;

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that the PROS Plan be updated every 5 years and that the City must provide an updated plan to be eligible to apply for grants;

Whereas, the PROS Plan is an important guiding document for all future planning for the Ann Arbor Park System and part of the City master plan;

Whereas, A City-wide email survey, focus groups, public meetings and public hearings as well as other input processes were completed as part of preparing the 2011-2015 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan;

105 Whereas, Public review of the draft plan has been completed including all surrounding  
106 municipalities, townships, Washtenaw County, and public utilities as required to incorporate  
107 the PROS Plan as part of the City of Ann Arbor's Master Plan; and  
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109 Whereas, A comprehensive list of facility improvements, recreation needs and park  
110 improvements was developed to provide the basis for millage renewals and capital  
111 improvements as a result of the public input;  
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113 RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends approval of the 2011-2015  
114 PROS Plan.  
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116 Park Advisory Commission  
117 February 15, 2011  
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119 **Ayes: (9) J. Grand, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**  
120 **S. Offen, D. Barrett, K. Levin, D. Chapman, T. Doyle**

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122 **Nays: (0) None.**

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124 **Absent: (0) None.**  
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126 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to*  
127 *Recommend Approval of the 2011 – 2015 Parks and Recreation Open Space*  
128 *Plan*  
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130 **C - NEW BUSINESS**  
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132 **C-1** Resolution to Recommend Modifying Fees at the City golf Courses Effective  
133 for the 2011 Golf Season and Increase the Senior Citizen Qualification Age  
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135 **C. Smith** explained proposed changes and proposed fee increases.  
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137 **D. Barrett** asked if the proposed changes would have an impact on the  
138 budget.  
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140 **C. Smith** stated yes, approximately \$32,500 in additional revenue per year  
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142 **T. Doyle** asked if there is a resident and non-resident rate.  
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144 **C. Smith** stated no, that the non-resident rate had been eliminated a few  
145 years ago when it was determined it was a detriment to attracting golfers.  
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147 **T. Berla** moved, supported by **K. Levin** to discuss the Resolution.  
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149 RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND MODIFYING FEES AT THE CITY GOLF  
150 COURSES

151 FOR THE 2011 GOLF SEASON AND INCREASE THE SENIOR CITIZEN QUALIFICATION  
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153 Whereas, The City Council appointed Golf Courses Advisory Task Force have reviewed the  
154 golf fees for Huron Hills and Leslie Park Golf Courses as part of the process of evaluating  
155 the 2010 season;  
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157 Whereas, The attached fee schedule sets out a modified fee schedule for the 2011 golf  
158 season; and

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160 Whereas, In 2007 the City's golf consultant, Golf Convergence, Inc. recommended  
161 increasing the senior citizen qualification age to 56 for 2008 and to increase that threshold  
162 year by one year each year thereafter until the age to qualify for senior rates is established  
163 at 62;

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165 RESOLVED, That the Parks Advisory Commission recommend that the Mayor and City  
166 Council approve the proposed fees at the Huron Hills and Leslie Park Golf Courses for the  
167 2011 golf season in accordance with the attached fee schedule and increase the qualifying  
168 senior age to 59 years.

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170 Submitted by: Parks and Recreation Services  
171 Date: February 15, 2011

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174 **Ayes: (9) J. Grand, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, T. Berla,**  
175 **S. Offen, D. Barrett, K. Levin, D. Chapman, T. Doyle**

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177 **Nays: (0) None.**

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179 **Absent: (0) None.**

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181 *On a voice vote in addition to a show of hands – **Motion Passed** to*  
182 *Recommend Modifying Fees at the City golf Courses Effective for the 2011*  
183 *Golf Season and Increase the Senior Citizen Qualification Age*

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185 **C-2** Concession RFP for Recreation Facilities and Regional Parks

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187 **J. Straw** gave an overview regarding proposed plans for concessions at the  
188 various facilities. J. Straw also stated various vendors would also be contacted  
189 to inquire on their interest in regarding services in our parks.

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191 **S. Offen** asked when we stopped doing concessions.

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193 **C. Smith** stated approximately 2003 - 2004.

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195 **S. Offen** asked when the RFP would be issued.

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197 **J. Straw** stated possibly in March 2011, with the goal of having a vendor in  
198 place by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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200 **C-3** Review of Parks & Recreation Services Budget Presentation to City Council

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202 **C. Smith** shared information previously shared at the City Council budget  
203 work session on Jan 31, 2011.

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205 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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207 **G. Nystuen** expressed concern regarding Fuller Road Station. It is important the PAC  
208 have the opportunity to review the operating agreement prior to Council acting on it.

209 **J. Grand** reiterated the Commission will continue to request information regarding the  
210 proposed Fuller Road Station.  
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213 **E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**  
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215 **C. Smith** updated the Commission regarding the Argo Dam project a recent  
216 maintenance issue with the intake lines.  
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218 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**  
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220 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
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222 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**  
223 **FORCES**  
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225 **I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**  
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227 **N. Kaplan** spoke in opposition to the Fuller Road Station project.  
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229 **J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION**  
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231 **K - TRANSMITTALS**  
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233 **K-1** City Council Items Update  
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235 **K-2** Park Project Update  
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237 **K-3** City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital  
238 Improvements Millage Status  
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240 There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Berla**  
241 moved that the open meeting be adjourned at 6:34p.m. The Commission unanimously  
242 agreed.  
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