



# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Parks Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, February 24, 2015

4:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St,  
Second Floor, City Council chambers

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**A CALL TO ORDER**

**B ROLL CALL**

*Staff present:*

3 - C. Smith, A. Kuras, B. Ruthven

**Present:** 11 - Mike Anglin, Karen Levin, Alan Jackson, Bob Galardi, Melissa Stults, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison, Mary Jo Gray, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, and Praveena Ramaswami

**C APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved.**

**D PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*Larry Deck, Matt Ferris-Smith, Larry Baird and Gwen Nysteun spoke on the need to improve the middle part of the Border-to-Border Trail.*

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**E1 15-0232 Parks Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2015**

**Attachments:** PAC Meeting Minutes 1-27-15.pdf

**Approved by the Commission and forwarded to City Council.**

**F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**F1 15-0233 Leslie Science and Nature Center Annual Update**

**Attachments:** 2015 Camp flyer.pdf, Leslie Science Nature Center Annual Report 2012-13.pdf, public programs half-sheet.pdf

*Susan Westhoff and Karen Rendell gave a presentation on the Leslie Science and Nature Center and provided the history, legacy, background and challenges of the Center. A live Eastern Screech Owl was shown to the audience.*

**F2 15-0234 South Geddes Pond Art Park**

**Attachments:** Handout 1\_21\_16 for PAC.pdf

**G UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**H NEW BUSINESS**

**H1 15-0235** Resolution to Recommend Awarding a Construction Contract to Terrafirma Landscape for the Olson Park Irrigation System Improvements Project (\$49,100.00)

Attachments: PAC- OLSON IRRIGATION.pdf

*C. Smith reported on the need for these services.*

*The Resolution reads as follows:*

*RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO TERRAFIRMA LANDSCAPE FOR THE OLSON PARK IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS (\$49,100.00)*

*Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor solicited bids (ITB-4359) for the Olson Park Irrigation System Improvements;*

*Whereas, one competitive bid was received by the Purchasing Services Office on February 11, 2015 and Terrafirma Landscape was the lowest responsible bidder with a submitted bid of \$49,100.00; and*

*Whereas, The Park Maintenance and Capital Improvement Millage has a fund balance adequate to fund this capital project;*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend that \$49,100.00 be appropriated from the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvement Millage fund balance to be available without regard to fiscal year; and*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of a contract in the amount of \$49,100.00 to Terrafirma Landscape for the construction of the Olson Park Irrigation Improvements Project, and a construction contingency of \$4,910.00 to cover potential contract change orders during the life of the project;*

**Approved unanimously.**

**H2 15-0236** Resolution to Recommend Awarding a Contract with Oak Construction Corporation for Island Park Pedestrian Bridge Abutment Repairs (\$119,000.00)

Attachments: PAC- ISLAND PARK PED BRIDGE.pdf, Island Park Bridge Project aerial.jpg

*A. Kuras reported on the need to repair the abutments of one of the three bridges in Island Park.*

*The Resolution reads as follows:*

*RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH OAK CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR ISLAND PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE*

*ABUTMENT REPAIRS (\$119,000.00)*

*Whereas, The abutments at one of the three pedestrian bridges in Island Park are in need of replacement because of deterioration to restore the structural integrity of the bridge;*

*Whereas, Park bridge repairs are identified in the CIP and PROS plan as park priorities;*

*Whereas, Competitive bids were received by Purchasing and Oak Construction Corporation submitted the lowest responsible bid to replace the abutments; and*

*Whereas, Funding is available in the approved FY2015 Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Fund;*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend approval of a contract with Oak Construction Corporation to replace the abutments on the pedestrian bridge in Island Park, and approve a construction contingency of \$ 11,900.00 (10%) to cover potential contract change orders for a total contract amount of \$130,900.00 for the life of the project without regard to fiscal year.*

**Approved unanimously.**

**H3 15-0237**

**Resolution to Recommend Applying to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management for a Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park**

**Attachments:** PAC- ROTARY 2015 GRANT.pdf

*C. Smith gave history on this second attempt for this grant.*

*The Resolution reads as follows:*

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPLYING FOR A GRANT TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANTS MANAGEMENT FOR A UNIVERSAL ACCESS PLAYGROUND AT GALLUP PARK**

*Whereas, The City park system does not have a Universal Access Playground;*

*Whereas, The Park and Recreation Open Space Plan identifies an area of focus as providing play areas that are designed to allow disabled users greater opportunities;*

*Whereas, The playground at Gallup Park is in need of replacement;*

*Whereas, The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has committed \$350,000.00 toward a Universal Access Playground in celebration of their upcoming centennial year in 2016;*

*Whereas, The City commitment to the project is \$150,000.00 with funds available in the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvement Millage;*

*Whereas, The City also intends to renovate pathways near the Universal Access Playground that will enhance the overall project; and*

*Whereas, Grants are available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management to assist in funding improvements such as this project;*

*RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends applying for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant for a Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park.*

**Approved unanimously.**

**I COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

11 Appointments to the following committees: PROS plan, HRIMP, and Skate Park Advisory Committee

*P. Morrison and B. Galardi were appointed to the PROS Plan Committee*

*MJ Gray was appointed to the HRIMP Committee*

*D. Santacroce was appointed to the Skate Park Advisory Committee*

**J REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

*C. Smith pointed out upcoming public meetings for 1) Dog Park, 2) Rotary playground, and 3) prescribed burns in the City. Four awards were presented to the City of Ann Arbor at the Michigan Recreation and Park Association conference held in February.*

**K REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

**L REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**M REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES**

*B. Galardi stated that a report on the Allen Creek Trail is forthcoming.*

**N PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*N. Kaplan asked about considering the possibility of rentals of the clubhouse at Huron Hills Golf Course.*

**O CLOSED SESSION**

**P TRANSMITTALS**

**P1 15-0238** Park Planning Capital Project Update

**Attachments:** PAC Update 2-15.pdf

**P2 15-0239** PAC Council Update February 2015

**Attachments:** PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 2 2015.pdf

**P3 15-0240** Parks Project Status Table FY2014-2015

Attachments: Parks\_Project\_Status\_Table-FY2014-15.pdf

**Q ADJOURNMENT**