



City of Ann Arbor

Formal Minutes

Park Advisory Commission

301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Tuesday, August 20, 2019

4:00 PM

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

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paige Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

J. Landefeld, Parks and Recreation Services Deputy Manager called the roll.

Present: 8 - Robert Galardi, Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Lauren London, Mike Appel, Rachel Skyliis, and Jeff Hayner

Absent: 2 - Praveena Ramaswami, and Ruth L. Kraut

3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved unanimously as presented.

4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

James Daniel, 2769 Arrowwood Trail, Ann Arbor, inquired about the policy for use of park land adjacent to other properties.

J. Landefeld explained that the Parks and Recreation Department and the City Attorney's office are going to contact Arrowood Co-Op to resolve park land use issues.

Priscilla Cheever, 267 S Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, expressed concern with the amount of park land currently being considered to be acquired by the city and explained that she believes that the city should be more aggressive with acquisition.

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5-A [19-1572](#) Minutes of the June 18, 2019 PAC Meeting

Attachments: 6-18-2019 PAC Minutes .pdf

Moved by Galardi, seconded by Skylis, approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City Council.

6 PRESENTATIONS

6-A [19-1573](#) Leslie Science and Nature Center Site Update

Attachments: 2019_08_20_LSNC Investigation Update_PAC Meeting.pdf

Patti McCall Tetra Tech, provided an update on the Leslie Science and Nature Site highlighting the following items:

- *The initial depression determined to be not man made*
- *Target areas*
- *49 investigation points*
- *80 soil samples analyzed*
- *Vapor intrusion testing*
- *Remediation*

Councilmember J. Hayner inquired about migration and pond contamination.

McCall explained that there is a lot of clay in the area, and that she is working to determine where the contamination ends.

Commissioner M. Appel inquired about challenges with remediation.

McCall answered that there is negative pressure in the basement and there have been flooding issues.

Commissioner R. Galardi inquired about rainwater impacts with the contaminants present.

McCall answered that the compounds present are not very mobile and aren't likely to be disrupted by precipitation.

Councilmember J. Hayner inquired about cost for remediation as well as state involvement in remediation.

D. Delacourt, City of Ann Arbor Community Services Area Administrator, answered that the cost for remediation will exceed the approved contract

amount with Tetra Tech, that the city has been awarded. Delacourt also explained that there is both county and state involvement in the remediation.

McCall explained that that due to the property being acquired by the city prior to environmental standards being in place, the site is considered an "orphan site" and if the city was not working to remediate the area then the state would be responsible.

6-B [19-1574](#) American Legion and Veteran's Memorial Park Flagpole Project

H. Hanzel, City of Ann Arbor Landscape Architect, presented information on the American Legion & Veteran's Memorial Park Flagpole Project. She introduced Dave Draper and Doug Harvey from the American Legion Post 46.

Draper explained that the flagpole project is extremely meaningful and he expressed gratitude for the project being finalized.

7 REPORTS

7-A REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

J. Landefeld reported that Fuller pool will remain open for two weeks after Labor Day, that the Mack Pool improvements are complete, Riverside Path will be repaved starting after Labor Day, and that there is an exhibit at the Ann Arbor District Library for the 100th anniversary of the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market. He announced that there will be a Farm-to-Table fundraising dinner on September 20th, where the funding raised would be used for mini grants for Farmer's Market vendors.

M. Appel inquired about the work at Riverside Park.

H. Hanzel explained that a full base removal will take place and the stones will be replaced.

7-B REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

No report.

7-C REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

No report.

8 REGULAR BUSINESS

- 8-A** [19-1575](#) Resolution to Recommend Naming the Property Acquired from Toll MI VI Limited Partnerships as “Buttonbush Nature Area”

Attachments: Button Bush Resolution and Map.pdf

Dave Borneman, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager presented the resolution.

Moved by Galardi, seconded by Appel, to approve the Resolution to Recommend Naming the Property Acquired from Toll MI VI Limited Partnerships as “Buttonbush Nature Area”

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

None.

On a voice vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.

APPROVED RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND NAMING THE PROPERTY
ACQUIRED FROM
TOLL MI VI LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AS “BUTTONBUSH NATURE
AREA”**

Whereas, The property was acquired as parkland by the City of Ann Arbor in March 2019;

**Whereas, The property contains high quality ecological features and species, including
a buttonbush swamp;**

**RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends
Mayor and City Council
approve the park acquired from Toll MI VI Limited Partnership as
“Buttonbush Nature
Area.”**

Yeas: 6 - Galardi, Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, and Skylis

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

8-B [19-1576](#) Resolution to Recommend Naming the Property Donated by Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC as “Hickory Nature Area”

Attachments: Hickory Nature Area Resolution and Map.pdf

Dave Borneman, Parks and Recreation Deputy Manager presented the resolution.

Moved by Galardi, seconded by London to approve the Resolution to Recommend Naming the Property Donated by Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC as “Hickory Nature Area”

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

The Commission expressed support for the resolution.

On a voice vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.

APPROVED RESOLUTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND NAMING THE PROPERTY
DONATED BY PULTE
HOMES OF MICHIGAN, LLC AS “HICKORY NATURE AREA”**

Whereas, The property was acquired as parkland by the City of Ann Arbor in March 2019;

Whereas, The property contains many regulated landmark trees, including a grove of hickories;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends Mayor and City Council approve the park donated by Pulte Homes of Michigan, LLC be named "Hickory Nature Area.”

Yeas: 6 - Galardi, Morrison, Borgsdorf, London, Appel, and Skylis

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

9 LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS

Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by London to enter a closed session to discuss land acquisition matters.

Approved Unanimously.

Yeas: 6 - Galardi, Morrison, Borgsdorf, Liaison Grand, London, Appel, Skylis, and Councilmember Hayner

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Ramaswami, and RAC Rep. Kraut

Closed session exited at 5:13 p.m.

A motion was made to recommend City acquisition of fee title to 4.95 acres of property identified in Application ID 2019-01 and approval of the contribution of funds not to exceed \$180,500 from the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage.

Approved unanimously.

10 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (Not Limited to Agenda Items)

11 COMMUNICATIONS

11-A [19-1577](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: 2019-08 PAC Update.pdf

Received and Filed

11-B [19-1578](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 8_2019.pdf

Received and Filed

11-C [19-1579](#) Parks Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks_Project_Status_Table-FY2020.pdf

Received and Filed

12 CLOSED SESSION**13 ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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