



City of Ann Arbor
Formal Minutes
Park Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, July 17, 2018

4:00 PM

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

A CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

B ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Robert Galardi, David Santacroce, Paige Morrison,
Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami,
and Graydon Krapohl

Absent: 3 - Lauren London, Mike Appel, and Ruth L. Kraut

C APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented

D APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D-1 [18-1216](#) Parks Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2018

Attachments: 5-15-2018 PAC Minutes .pdf

**Moved by Galardi, seconded by Morrison, approved as presented,
and forwarded to the City Council.**

Yeas: 5 - Galardi, Santacroce, Morrison, Borgsdorf, and
Ramaswami

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - London, Appel, and RAC Rep. Kraut

E PUBLIC COMMENTARY (3 Minutes per Speaker)

F SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

F-1 [18-1217](#) Cobblestone Farm Association Annual Update

Attachments: Cobbleston Farm Presentation Materials .pdf

George Taylor provided information on the Cobblestone Farm Association Annual Update. He highlighted that there were various events held, the partnerships with local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, as well as improvements and upgrades to the facilities.

F-2 [18-1218](#) GIVE 365 and Adopt-a-Park Programs

Attachments: GIVE365 Presentation Materials .pdf

J. Landefeld, introduced the the Give 365 and Adopt-a-Park Programs and E. Pratt.

E. Pratt presented an update and shared highlights of the program. Some of the key points of her presentation were:

- 110 parks are served*
- 135 days in 2017 were Park/Facility Maintenance and Beautification related*
- there are 40 active park adopters out of the 93 adoptable areas*
- volunteer hours continue to increase each year*
- many different type of projects took place, such as river cleanups, the Argo mural, and park equipment improvements*

P. Ramaswami thanked E. Pratt for the level of community engagement involved in these park related programs. She inquired about how people can sign up to get involved.

Pratt explained that people can get involved by phone, email, online sign-up, and that there is a range of commitment level for volunteers.

G **NEW BUSINESS****G-1** [18-1219](#) Resolution to Recommend Placement on November 2018 Election Ballot Renewal of the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage and to Recommend City Council Affirm the Administrative Millage Policies to Inform Voters of the Manner in Which it Intends to Oversee the Administration of the Millage if the Proposed Renewal is Approved

Attachments: Millage Funding Distribution Guidelines .pdf, Capital Projects Information Sheet .pdf, Park Maintenance

Information Sheet .pdf, Natural Area Preservation Information Sheet .pdf, Amended Resolution of Intent on the Administration of Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage - 2011.pdf, Resolution to Recommend Placement on November 2018 Election Ballot the Renewal of the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage for 2019 .pdf

Moved by Galardi, seconded by Ramaswami, that the Resolution to Recommend Placement on November 2018 Election Ballot Renewal of the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage and to Recommend City Council Affirm the Administrative Millage Policies to Inform Voters of the Manner in Which it Intends to Oversee the Administration of the Millage if the Proposed Renewal is Approved be approved by the Commission.

Resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, The Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage is the principal funding source for the City's park and recreation capital improvement programs and park repair and restoration programs;

Whereas, The Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage was approved by the voters in 2006 and 2012 for six year durations;

Whereas, The Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage will expire in 2018;

Whereas, It is in the Parks best interest to present a new millage to the voters which supports the objectives of the expiring millage and provides essential resources for the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the parks system; and

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommends that City Council place the renewal of the Park Maintenance and Capital improvements Millage on the November 2018 election ballot; and

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend that City Council reaffirms its intent to administer the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage as amended and approved by Resolution R-11-186 on May 16, 2011.

Commission Discussion:

The Commission discussed the terms trimming and mowing in the

resolution.

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

Yeas: 5 - Galardi, Santacroce, Morrison, Borgsdorf, and Ramaswami

Nays: 0

Absent: 3 - London, Appel, and RAC Rep. Kraut

H COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

I REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER

C. Smith explained that the summer has been positive. He shared that the pools and day camps have been very busy.

J REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

R. Kraut noted that the Friedman School is being used for school use as an environmental education center.

C. Smith discussed staff attending a RAC meeting to present the Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Milage.

K REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASKFORCES

L PUBLIC COMMENTARY - (3 Minutes per Speaker)

M CLOSED SESSION

N TRANSMITTALS

N-1 [18-1220](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update

Attachments: Park Planning Project Update 7-18.pdf

Received and Filed

N-2 [18-1221](#) PAC Council Update

Attachments: PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 7 2018.pdf

Received and Filed

N-3 [18-1222](#) Parks Project Status Table

Attachments: Parks Project_Status Table-FY2017-18.pdf

Received and Filed

M **ADJOURNMENT**

Unanimously adjourned at 4:38 p.m.