



**City of Ann Arbor**  
**Formal Minutes**  
**Park Advisory Commission**

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Tuesday, July 20, 2021

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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**1 CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Paige Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM*

**2 ROLL CALL**

*Spooner called the roll.*

**Ruth Kraut attended the meeting electronically from Ypsilanti, MI  
All other PAC members attended the meeting remotely from Ann Arbor, MI**

**Staff Present:**

**Scott Spooner, City of Ann Arbor Deputy Parks and Recreation Manager**

**Becky Gajewski, NAP Stewardship Specialist**

**Adam Fercho, City of Ann Arbor Landscape Architect**

**Kristen Vander Lugt, Planning Staff**

**Present:** 8 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand, Praveena Ramaswami, Ruth L. Kraut, Rachel Skyllis, Anne Marsan, and Patti Smith

**Absent:** 1 - Lauren London

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved unanimously as presented.**

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4-A      [21-1316](#)      Minutes of the June 15, 2021 PAC Meeting

**Attachments:**      6-15-2021 PAC Minutes.pdf

**Moved by Marsan, seconded by Kraut, approved unanimously as presented and forwarded to the City Council.**

5            **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

*Ellen Rabinowitz, 1231 Baldwin Ave, Ann Arbor requested increased opportunities for off leash play for dogs in city parks and provided suggestions.*

*Seeing no further callers, Chair Morrison closed Public Comment.*

6            **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

[21-1330](#)      Supporting Pollinators in Ann Arbor's Parks

**Attachments:**      Pollinator Handout for PAC July 2021.pdf, NAP Pollinator Presentation to PAC July 2021.pdf

7            **REPORTS**

7-A        **REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

*Spooner reported that most pools and liveries are open, river trips were canceled due to high water, and that golf courses are continuing a successful summer.*

7-B        **REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

*No report.*

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

*Borgsdorf reported on the Center of the City task force continues to progress.*

8            **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9 NEW BUSINESS**

**9-A**      [21-1332](#)      Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Laser Striping and Sport Surfacing to Convert One Tennis Court to Two Pickleball Courts While Renovating Both the Tennis Court and Basketball Court

**Attachments:**      2020\_1007 PAC RESOLUTION PICKLEBALL\_CREDIT .pdf, PAC - BURNS PARK COURTS.pdf, 2020 0910 Burns Park Tennis Court Survey Results with Comments.pdf

**Moved by Marsan, seconded by Skylis, to approve the Resolution to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Laser Striping and Sport Surfacing to Convert One Tennis Court to Two Pickleball Courts While Renovating Both the Tennis Court and Basketball Court**

**On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion passed.**

**Approved resolution reads as follows:**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECONFIGURING THE BURNS PARK TENNIS COURTS FROM FOUR TENNIS COURTS TO THREE TENNIS COURTS AND TWO PICKLEBALL COURTS**

**Whereas, Burns Park currently has four tennis courts that are in poor condition and need to be resurfaced,**

**Whereas, Requests for dedicated Pickleball courts were noted in the PROS Plan as well as community meetings,**

**Whereas, Leslie Park has the only dedicated pickleball courts in the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation system,**

**RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission approves reconfiguring the Burns Park Tennis Courts from four tennis courts to three tennis courts and two pickleball courts.**

**Yeas:**    7 -    Morrison, Borgsdorf, Councilmember Grand, Ramaswami, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

**Nays:**    0

**Absent:**    1 -    London

**9-B**      [21-1333](#)      Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan

**Attachments:**      PAC - FULLER\_2021.pdf, Fuller Park Parking Lots Map .pdf, Fuller Park Lot Land lease 2021 draft.pdf

**Moved by Smith, seconded by Kraut, to approve the Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan**

**On a roll call vote the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion approved.**

**Approved resolution reads as follows:**

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FULLER PARK PARKING LOT LAND LEASE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

**Whereas, On September 29, 1993, an agreement was entered into between the City of Ann Arbor and University of Michigan for the establishment and operation of a parking lot on City-owned property at Fuller Park, located south of Fuller Road;**

**Whereas, The parking lots north of Fuller Road have been leased to the University since 2009; Whereas, The lease generates significant revenue for the Parks & Recreation General Fund;**

**Whereas, It is the desire of the City and the University to continue the lease arrangement; and**

**Whereas, The term of the agreement shall be one year, with an option to administratively renew the lease for four additional one-year terms;**

**RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend that City Council approve the attached Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan (“Lease”).**

**Yeas:**    7 -    Morrison, Borgsdorf, Councilmember Grand, Ramaswami, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

**Nays:**    0

**Absent:**    1 -    London

**9-C Discussion on Extending the Winchell Park Renaming Committee Term**

**Moved by Kraut, seconded by Marsan, to extend the Winchell Park Renaming Committee until January 2022.**

**Unanimously approved.**

**10 COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**11 LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS**

**Moved by Marsan seconded by Ramaswami to enter a closed session to discuss land acquisition matters at 4:56 PM.**

**Yeas:** 6 - Morrison, Councilmember Grand, Ramaswami, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Borgsdorf, and London

**LAND ACQUISITION MATTERS**

**Moved by Skylis, seconded by Ramaswami to exit the closed session at 5:16 PM**

**Yeas:** 6 - Morrison, Councilmember Grand, Ramaswami, RAC Rep. Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and RAC Rep. Smith

**Nays:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Borgsdorf, and London

**12 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Seeing no callers, Chair Morrison closed Public Comment.*

**13 COMMUNICATIONS**

**13-A [21-1334](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update**

**Attachments:** 2021-07 PAC Update.pdf

**Received and Filed**

13-B     [21-1335](#)   PAC Council Update

**Attachments:**   PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 7\_2021.pdf

**Received and Filed**

13-C     [21-1336](#)   Park Project Status Table

**Attachments:**   Parks\_Project\_Status\_Table-FY2021.pdf

**Received and Filed**

14       **CLOSED SESSION**

15       **ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourned unanimously at 5:17 PM**

Paige Morrison, Chairperson  
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