



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

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Tuesday, April 19, 2022

4:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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**1 CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Morrison called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM*

**2 ROLL CALL**

*Staff Present:*

*Josh Landefeld, City of Ann Arbor Interim Parks and Recreation Manager*

*Kristen Vander Lugt, City Staff*

*Simi Barr, City of Ann Arbor Sustainability and Innovations Energy  
Coordinator*

*Scott Spooner, Parks and Recreation Services Deputy  
Manager-Maintenance*

**Ruth Kraut and Lauren London attended the meeting electronically  
from Ypsilanti, MI. All other PAC members attended the meeting  
electronically from Ann Arbor, MI.**

**Present:** 10 - Paige Morrison, Stephen Borgsdorf, Julie Grand,  
Praveena Ramaswami, Lauren London, Ruth L. Kraut,  
Rachel Skylis, Anne Marsan, Erica Briggs, and Laurence  
O'Connell

**3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Approved as presented.**

**4 FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes Per Speaker)**

*No callers.*

**5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5-A**      [22-0724](#)      Minutes of the March 15, 2022 PAC Meeting

**Attachments:**      3-15-2022 PAC MINUTES.pdf

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

**6 PRESENTATIONS**

**6-A**      [22-0725](#)      Leslie Science and Nature Center Update

*Presented by Susan Westhoff, Executive Director Leslie Science and Nature Center.*

**6-B**      [22-0726](#)      Gelman Plume Monitor Well Install

*Presented by Patti McCall, TetraTech.*

**6-C**      [22-0727](#)      Solar on Park Facilities Update

*Presented by Simi Barr, City of Ann Arbor Sustainability and Innovations Energy Coordinator*

**6-D**      [22-0728](#)      FY 2023 Budget

**Attachments:**      PAC - Parks Budget pres 2023.pdf

*Presented by Josh Landefeld.*

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

*Landefeld discussed the continued search for a Parks and Recreation Manager. Landefeld and Spooner presented information on "No Mow May".*

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

None.

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

None.

**8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**9 NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**9-A [22-0729](#) Park Advisory Commission Resolution on the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget for Parks and Recreation Services**

**Attachments:** PAC - FY2023 Parks and Recreation Budget Resolution - Morrison.pdf, FY 2023 Fund 71 Proposed Budget.pdf, Parks 0071 Impacts FY 2023.pdf, FY 2023 Fund 10 Proposed Budget 2.pdf, Parks 0010 impacts FY 2023.pdf

**Moved by Borgsdorf, seconded by Kraut, to approve the Resolution on the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget for Parks and Recreation Services**

**On a roll call vote, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the resolution approved as presented.**

**Approved Resolution Reads as Follows:**

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION RESOLUTION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Whereas, a vibrant, extensive, and healthy parks system is part of every great town and city;**

**Whereas, Ann Arbor residents value their parks, natural areas and recreational facilities and support these amenities through their taxes and patronage;**

**Whereas, the Parks Advisory Commission (PAC) commends staff for their continued efforts to engage PAC members in the budget process, and in producing a budget draft that follows PAC’s recommended budget priorities to sustain facilities and activities for all residents, but especially children, low income residents, and**

seniors, particularly where these services are not otherwise available;

Whereas, PAC supports the increase of FTEs as a means to allow current staff to be most effective in their jobs. Ann Arbor parks provide an immense range of services and hiring more FTEs will allow staff to not only continue to provide the high level of service expected by Ann Arbor residents/parks users, but also meet the growing needs of the community.

RESOLVED, That PAC recommends that City Council approve the Administrator’s recommended budget for Parks and Recreation Services developed by staff highlighting the following items and noting the following changes from the FY 2023 budget:

- 1. Increase in expense of \$979,800 in the General Fund to cover the increase cost of temporary salaries to be in line with the living wage standard set by the City,
- 2. Increase in expense in the General Fund to cover the addition of a new Recreation Supervisor as an overhire,
- 3. There will be a net zero increase in expense for the Parks millage to support the restructuring of the NAP and Land Acquisition Deputy Manager position, the addition of 2 FTEs for NAP/Land Acquisition, the addition of the Adopt-A-Park FTE and the temp salary increases.

Yeas: 8 - Morrison, Borgsdorf, Ramaswami, London, Kraut, Skylis, Marsan, and O’Connell

Nays: 0

**9-B**      [22-0730](#)      Discussion to Extend Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop a Park Naming Process

**Moved by Morrison, seconded by London, to extend the Ad-Hoc Committee to Develop a Park Naming Process for six additional months.**

**Approved Unanimously.**

**9-C**      [22-0748](#)      Election of Officers

**Moved by Morrison, seconded by Borgsdorf, to nominate Lauren London for Chair.**

**Approved Unanimously.**

**Moved by Lauren, seconded by Borgsdorf, to nominate Anne Marsan for Vice Chair.**

**Approved Unanimously.**

**10 SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes Per Speaker)**

*No callers.*

**11 COMMUNICATIONS**

**11-A [22-0719](#) PAC Council Update**

**Attachments:** PAC COUNCIL UPDATE 4\_2022.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**11-B [22-0721](#) Park Planning Capital Project Update**

**Attachments:** 2022-04 PAC Update.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**11-C [22-0723](#) Park Project Status Table**

**Attachments:** Parks\_Project\_Status\_Table-FY2022.pdf

**Received and Filed**

**12 CLOSED SESSION**

*None.*

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourned unanimously at 5:47 PM**

Paige Morrison, Chairperson

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