

Park Commission

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2020 Annual Report



“Come Visit - Get Active - Leave Happy - YT Parks!”

Park Commission Common Goal: Quality Living, One Park at a Time

Park Commission Core Values

- *Maintain, preserve, and protect Ypsilanti Township Park amenities*
- *Value partnering with the community to support and sustain Ypsilanti Township parks*
- *Promote nature, recreation, and health*

2020 Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission

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Staff Liaison – Angela Verges

Pursuant to the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Park Commission by-laws, the following annual report lists the Park Commission's activities and accomplishments supporting the Park Commission's purposes as listed in said by-laws.

- A. To develop a park master plan and to carry out programs for the acquisition, management, and control of parks and places of recreation of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**
- Used Parks 5-year master plan to guide discussion of parks
- B. To promote the development of a system of neighborhood parks and other places of recreation to serve the various neighborhoods within the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**
- Addressed neighborhood park concerns that have been brought to its attention
 - Continued to address large groups using neighborhood parks for events regarding requiring safeguards and items needed to carry out such events
 - Supported Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for Loonfeather Park
 - Supported adoption of Non-Motorized Transportation Plan by Township Board
- C. To promote the development of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti parks and other places of recreation in the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.**
- The Park Commission has:**
- Continued support for advertising recreational uses of parks & non-motorized information by inclusion of parks information in Township mailings sent to residents
 - Continued use of parks slogan "*Come Visit – Get Active – Leave Happy – YT Parks!*"
 - Continued support of Township partnership with EMU for the use of the Boathouse at Lakeside Park
 - Supported the Grove Street pathway revision
 - Supported an updated application, agreement, and policy permit for special events
 - Requested submittals for MDNR grants for Community Center Park and Clubview Park
 - Worked to ensure public health and safety around Township Parks during pandemic
 - Participated in opening of new Skate Park
 - Supported the creation the Art Serafinski Scholarship program
- D. To further and encourage cooperation between governmental units, private agencies, and private citizens toward these ends.**
- Attendance at the Charter Township of Ypsilanti board meetings, and neighborhood watch meetings
 - Requested involvement in decisions involving capital projects when money becomes available, including types and locations of projects
 - Supported the Township Board and staff in maintenance of minimum requirements for safety on our play structures and supported schedule of playground inspections
 - Supported organized activities in the parks – Township recreation programming, Ypsilanti National Little League (YNLL) Harris Park, league softball at Community Center Park, and Youth football & soccer at various parks
 - Citizen participation and concerns shared at Park Commission meetings
 - Explored ways to work with community organizations
 - Continued efforts to explore the viability of creating a dog park within the township park system and requested information on potential sites
 - Communicated with Washtenaw County Sheriff Office regarding incidents and public safety concerns

Additional Accomplishments

- Continued the placement of Park Commission minutes on the Township website
- Continued the placement of Park Commission packets on Township website
- Reviewed various documents and requests of residents

Next Steps

- Implement and support the 5 Year Parks Master Planning Process in cooperation with the Township Board of Trustees
- Continue to explore hosting events within the township park system