

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JULY 18, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Earl Wolf and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Chairman Earl Wolf, Vice Chair Teri Nelson, Commissioners Tim Ludwig, and Tammy Scott. Absent: Terry Hansen (arrived 6:02 pm), Byron Aldrink (arrived 6:02 pm), and Kent Hall.

Also present: City Manager John Hanifan and Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Ludwig**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Chairman Wolf called for public comments at this time and there were none.

6. Approval of Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024:

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Scott**, to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2024, as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Action Items

7a. Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary:

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Hansen**, to appoint Earl Wolf as Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Wolf**, second by **Aldrink**, to appoint Teri Nelson as Vice Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Scott**, second by **Wolf**, to appoint Byron Aldrink as Secretary of the Parks & Recreation Commission. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

8. Discussion Items

8a. Historic Mill Turbine:

Chairman Wolf spoke about the turbine which was moved from the old DPW building to the current DPW area and placement at Old Mill Park. Manager Hanifan will have options soon to display upright in Old Mill Park. We want this done before River Days on September 8.

8b. Ingham County Trail Grant 2028:

Manager Hanifan discussed the Honor for All trail and said the County did award the grant for this project.

8c. Pickle Ball – opportunities for additional courts:

There is need/interest for additional pickleball courts. Individuals will bring concepts/options to the next meeting.

8d. 2024-25 Project List:

Manager Hanifan reviewed the following projects: mill turbine placement at Old Mill Park; heat for concession stand, so restrooms could be used year-round; landscaping by basketball court at Volunteers Community Park; remove the basketball pole by the existing pickleball court; possible additional tetherball; look at repairing/replacing the fence at Howard Dahlstrom Memorial Park. There was discussion on the riverwalk.

8e. Chainsaw Art in the Park:

Manager Hanifan reported this event is October 11-13, 2024, in McCormick Park. The Friends of Williamston Parks is spearheading the Chainsaw Sculpture event, with Lina Chapman as the organizer. The organizing group meets each Friday at noon at City Hall. Sponsors are needed.

8f. River Days:

The Red Cedar River Day celebration is Sunday, September 8. The Williamston Sunrise Rotary is hosting this event to be held in McCormick Park and Old Mill Park.

10. Staff Reports

10a. City Manager:

Manager Hanifan said work on the Master Plan has begun. There will be a community survey available for community members to obtain feedback. He will have more information at the next meeting.

Chairman Wolf thanked staff for taking care of the graffiti in the bandshell.

11. Audience Participation:

Chairman Wolf called for public comments at this time and there were none.

12. Member Comments:

Commissioner Aldrink said a wonderful job was done on the Red Cedar Jubilee.

Commissioner Nelson said National Night Out is in McCormick Park on Tuesday, August 6. The Williamston Kiwanis will have their annual yard sale in the D & W parking lot on August 9-10.

Commissioner Scott stated the Williamston Eagles have a beautiful firepit and want to promote more activities so more people can enjoy.

Commission Ludwig met an individual who had information on DNR grants. He informed them of Council meeting dates.

Chairman Wolf said there are more concerts coming up, and they will be adding an additional concert on August 22.

13. Adjournment:

Chairman Wolf adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Barbara J. Burke, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____