City of East Lansing
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
7:00 P.M.
East Lansing Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Road
Room 211

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

AGENDA

December 18, 2019
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1) Call to Order
2) Roll Call
3) Approval of November 20, 2019 Minutes
   Attachment
4) Approval of December 18, 2019 Agenda
   Attachment
5) Public Comment
6) Business Items
   a) 2020 Schedule of Meetings
   b) Park Projects Update
7) Staff Communications – Director’s Report
   a)
8) Commissioner Communications
9) Adjourn
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

November 20, 2019 Minutes
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Quality Services for a Quality Community

MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2019
7:00 P.M.
Hannah Community Center
819 Abbot Rd, Room 211

1) Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Gary Beaudoin. The meeting was held at the Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Road, Room 211.

2) Roll Call
Present: Gary Beaudoin, Pam Weil, Merle Heidemann, Chuck Overbey, EJ Buss, Nathan Triplett and Jon Novello
City Council Liaison: Jessy Gregg
City Staff: Tim McCaffrey, Wendy Longpre and Jane Stone

3) Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed.

4) Approval of Agenda
The November 20, 2019 agenda was approved as distributed.

5) Welcome to City Council Liaison, Jessy Gregg

6) Public Comment
Six students from MSU were in attendance; Maria Steinke, Ali Aoun, Amira Alshouli, Atara Zwas, Cheyenne Shields, and Emily Brower.

Alice Dreger, 621 Sunset Lane, East Lansing, provided comment;
Thanked the Commission for attending to safety concerns, on our trails and in our parks, over the past several years.
Suggested the Commission that they follow three items that have been discussed by the City Council; the Evergreen Avenue properties, the change in boundaries in the Oakwood neighborhood that abut the Valley Court Park, and the consideration of sale of the Valley Court Community Center.

7) Business Items
a) Draft 2020 Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan
i) Public Hearing
Beaudoin opened the floor for public comment.
Wendy Longpre directed Commission Members to a copy of an email they had been provided at the meeting as well as an email that was sent with the agenda packet as part of the public input.

Barb Anderson’s email suggested an indoor track at the Hannah Community Center be considered as well as expanded Northern Tier Trail access to local communities and the need for a natural area for wildlife.

Denise Carr’s email suggested additional maintenance and improvements to Burcham Park.
Ann Bean, 1708 Ann Street, East Lansing, stated the trails in Burcham Park need attention. Erosion on the north end of the trail through the woods and excess brush on the trail specifically. Ann further suggested there is a need for trash barrels and a doggie station for dog waste. Ann also suggested the City consider more trails and entrances in Burcham Park.

Andrew Thal, 638 Baldwin Court, East Lansing, requested consideration of a fenced in dog run in the Glencairn Neighborhood. Andrew further stated he would like the City to consider adding dog runs in more of the neighborhood parks.

Ann Hill, 685 Buteo Drive, East Lansing, shared concerns that with acquisition with new projects comes day-to-day costs and that everything deteriorates with time and when there isn’t any funding for maintenance, things deteriorate faster. She suggested the City consider this before beginning any new projects. Ann also shared her concern for the age of the pool at the East Lansing Hannah Community Center and the maintenance that is required to maintain it. Ann’s concern is that the vendors that the City selects for the maintenance have knowledge of the older materials and have the ability to retro-fit or be able to provide proper repair. Ann stated the City needs to consider how much money they are willing to spend on these repairs and when to decide to just stop. Ann shared her concern with a future parks bond and stated she felt the citizens are taking on enough of a burden.

Alice Dreger, 621 Sunset Lane, East Lansing, stated that she was not in support of the recent approval by City Council to replace the slides in the pool at the East Lansing Community Center.

Rebecca Miller, 638 Baldwin Court, East Lansing, referred to the comments made by Andrew Thal regarding a dog run in the Glencairn Neighborhood and asked that the Commission consider the short-term need while planning for the long-term. Rebecca asked the Commission to consider restroom access for those with medical conditions such as Crohn’s Disease. Specifically mentioning restroom access during the Farmers Market at Valley Court Park.

Terry Hunt, 1530 Mt. Vernon Avenue, East Lansing, thanked the Commission for all of the work on the Plan. Terry shared that he supports the idea of a Park Bond and feels it is necessary to better handle both maintenance and new projects.

Beaudoin closed the public hearing.

ii) Resolution recommending adoption of the 2020 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan
Commissioner Overbey motioned to approve a resolution recommending City Council adopt the 2020-2024 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plan. The motion was supported by Commissioner Buss.

Yeas – Beaudoin, Weil, Buss, Heidemann, Novello, Overbey and Triplett
Nos – None.
b) **Wayfinding Signage Update**
Longpre provided a brief presentation showing the wayfinding signage that will be added to our trail system in coordination with the Ingham County Parks and Trails Millage.

8) **Staff Communications – Director’s Report – Tim McCaffrey**
   a) McCaffrey provided a brief update on the status of the Northern Tier Trail Improvements.

   b) McCaffrey shared that Commissioners Triplett and Overbey along with Committee Member Kathy Boyle, presented the Hannah Community Center Committee Recommendation Report to City Council at their October 22, 2019 meeting.

   c) McCaffrey reported that the contract for the Bailey Park improvements was approved by City Council at their November 19, 2019 meeting.

9) **Commissioner Communications**
   a) Triplett thanked the staff for the repair to the playground surfacing at Patriarche Park. He also shared that the amount designated from the City Income Tax is not enough to fund the current list of capital projects. He stated the 17.5 million currently identified will continue to grow without adequate funding.

10) **Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**
Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
Business Item
Draft 2020 Schedule of Meetings
**DRAFT Meeting Schedule Form for Annual Schedule of Meetings 2020**

**Board or Commission**  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

**Day of Month**  
third Wednesday

**Time of Meeting:** 7:00  
☐ a.m.  ☑ p.m.

**Location**  
East Lansing Hannah Community Center

**Address**  
819 Abbot Road

**Staff**  
Tim McCaffrey, Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts  
(Name and Title)

**Phone**  
(517) 319-6867

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**Holidays**  
Please remember to adjust your schedule for holidays that fall on your meeting dates.

**Cablecasts**  
Cablecasting your meeting requires that you meet in Courtroom 2. If you know now when this will require rescheduling from your normal location, please indicate it on this form. Otherwise, please plan to notify Quinn from month to month if you have reschedulings so she can put them in the Monthly Meetings calendar.

**Cancellations/Changes**  
Please notify Quinn as soon as you are aware of any upcoming changes in your board/commission’s schedule in order to make the Monthly Meetings list as current as possible.

*Thank You!!*

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