

APPROVED

**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.
29995 W. TWELVE MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: WINKELMAN 7:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVE PRUETER
LARRY WINKELMAN
LARRY HUTCHINSON
SYDNEY RUSHING
STEVE STIMSON

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STACEY DIEFENBACH
AMY HALL
WENDI MICHAEL
STEVE LINVILLE
RANDY BRUCE

OTHERS PRESENT:

ELLEN SCHNACKEL, STAFF LIASON
KRISHA PATEL, STUDENT LIASON
DAN FANTORE – COMMISSION ON AGING COMMISSIONER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by: Stimson

Second by: Prueter

Yeas: Winkelman, Prueter, Hutchinson, Rushing, Stimson

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 10, 2023

Motion by: Prueter

Second by: Hutchinson

Yeas: Winkelman, Prueter, Hutchinson, Rushing, Stimson

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Fantore – Commission on Aging is worried about the future of the Costick Center
 - City’s goal is to continue the high-level services long term. Plan to gather community input in the coming months.
 - Some Seniors do not like using The Hawk because of parking, children running around, change, etc.
 - City should be planning for the community to be aging and to accommodate as such (example: added pickleball courts)

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Senior Messenger
 - Veterans Day Celebration
 - Secret Santa Coming Up
 - Can adopt a senior citizen
 - Friendsgiving
 - At Costick
 - Sold Out
- Live at the Hawk
 - Matilda JR
 - Over 3000 people attended
 - Little Mermaid
- Nature Center News
 - Tons of holiday stuff coming up
- Holiday Lights is Dec 5th at 6:30pm at City Hall

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

- Finance
 - Capital planning Request coming up through 2028/29
 - Requesting staff restructure
 - Budget direction from Finance coming in December
- Golf Club
 - Above record pace from last year
 - Course and restaurant will remain open as weather permits
 - Over 3 million balls hit at range
- Winter/Spring Activity Guide
 - Delivered to residents
- Woodland Hills
 - Broken bridge has been repaired
- Master Plan Process
- Commissioner Fact Sheet
 - Will need to review positions at January 2024 meeting

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

- Diefenbach – Adaptive Programing Ideas (presented by Rushing)
 - Adaptive open swimming hours (HAWK for zero entry pool)
 - Guide example: Senior Open Swim

- Adaptive Swimming Lessons
- Adaptive Nature Hikes
- Adaptive Ice Skating Lessons
- Adaptive Open Gym (parachute at the end is always a fun time!)
- Adaptive Karate/Yoga/Archery/Exercise classes
- Adaptive Track & Field
- Adaptive Art classes (variety of project options for different skill levels)
- Bingo
- A dance for individuals with disabilities
- Karaoke
- Adaptive Music
- Drama Class/Play Production (ex: OpenSpot Theatre or designated roles/backstage staff for a play the City hosts)
- Day Camps- respite care for 18+ adults with disabilities.
- Hutchinson
 - Farmington Schools is doing the Day for Strings
 - Would be hard to host at the Hawk
- Stimson
 - Outdoor Ice Rinks – is this a possibility?
- Prueter
 - Bike path along 275 is now paved except for just south of Grand River. Will there be a connection across 275?
 - Is Budget on a calendar year or fiscal year?
 - July 1 is the date it starts

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Winkelman

Second by: Rushing

Yeas: Winkelman, Prueter, Hutchinson, Rushing, Stimson

Nays: 0

Motion carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting is January 9, 2024, at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sydney Rushing, Secretary