



## PLANNING COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall, 222 South Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

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### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: Andry (Arrived at 6:41 p.m.), Machan, Rae, Piantek  
Absent: Martin

The board welcomed new member Colleen Rae.

#### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 4. Public Comments

None at this time.

#### 5. **The Planning Commission will be asked to develop the Goals and Objectives to be included in the 5-year Recreation Plan.**

The City Administrator led the Planning Commission through the process to brainstorm goals and objective for the Recreation Plan. The following are the Goals and Objectives that were identified by the Planning Commission:

Goal: Ensure that the City is working to increase use of community gathering spaces and identifying the best use for each recreation space.

Objective: Hold public hearings for all projects to gather community input when creating plans for updating facilities to ensure that we are meeting the community's needs.

Goal: The City explore intergovernmental cooperation and participation so that quality recreation programs and facilities can be provided to the City Residents.

Objective(s):

- 1) Allow the continued use of City Facilities at no charge for school or community run recreational programs.
- 2) Explore opportunities for collaborating with the school to form a joint recreation authority.
- 3) Work with the school when possible to explore grant opportunities to upgrade/maintain facilities
- 4) Work with the Downtown Development Authority to develop a plan for a new pavilion within their district.
- 5) Work with the schools system to expend that use of the Community Athletic center and seek funding for the operation.

Goal: The City will endeavor to provide recreational facilities and activities to meet the needs of all its citizens, from youngest to oldest.

Objective(s): 1) Ensure that any updates to the Paradise Park allow for the continued use of the area for Tuesdays in the park.  
2) Pursue interest in and possible location for a Skateboard Park.  
3) Develop a plan for improvements to the play area at Paradise Park and seek grant opportunities to fund those improvements.  
4) Increase accessibility at the parks.

Goal: Efforts will be made by the city to support the possibility of proving adequate areas for safe enjoyable walking, jogging and bicycling.

Objective: 1) Pursue opportunities to expand sidewalks in the community.  
2) Research areas to add bicycling opportunities and/or bike lanes.

Goal: Passive recreation facilities will be an integral part of the City's comprehensive approach to recreation.

Objective(s): 1) Increase bird watching opportunities at the City's Wastewater Lagoon.  
2) Explore ways to increase usage of the greens space on 58<sup>th</sup> Street within the guidelines of the deed restriction.

Goal: Continued maintenance and upkeep of existing parks, facilities and programs. Such maintenance included up keep of lawn care, garbage removal, and repair of play and sporting equipment damaged or vandalized or worn out.

Objective: Ata minimum, continue to maintain facilities at current level.

Goal: Improve the drainage of the softball fields.

Objective: Pursue a long term fix to improve the drainage.

The City Administrator will work to incorporate the goals and objectives into the draft recreation plan which will be available during the next meeting on July 8, 2019.

During the next meeting, the Planning Commission will be asked to issue the notice of availability of the draft plan. This draft must be available for a minimum of 30 days so it is suggested that the public hearing on the draft plan be held during the meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, after which the recommendation can be made to the City Commission.

## 6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Morgan  
City Administrator

Approved by the Planning Commission: July 8, 2019