

**Frankenmuth Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 7:00pm**  
**Frankenmuth Government Center**

**Parks & Recreation Commission Members Present** – Tom Bierlein, Anne Webb, Joe Chowaniec, Ed Foltz, Katie Kay, Aaron Lerash, Tom Meyer, Dave Abke, Trisha Way-Uphold

**Parks & Recreation Commission Members Absent** – Jim Bickel

**Others Present:** Daren Kaschinske, Janelle Compton & Kellie Nichols (P&R staff) Bridget Smith (City Manager)

Chair Uphold called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. No guests were present.

**Approval of Agenda** – A lease of park facilities for a 2020 Bull Terrier Dog Show was requested to be added to the agenda. Moved by Foltz, supported by Lerash, to add that item as 8a and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of January 23, 2019 minutes** – Moved by Webb, supported by Bierlein, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Monthly Reports –**

**City Manager-** Smith's written report was sent out via email. Smith reported that the levee project is moving along. Smith also reported that there will be a public hearing on commercial recreational marijuana at the City Council meeting on March 5 at 7pm.

**Parks & Recreation Staff-** Compton reported that the annual Daddy Daughter Dance was a success with its largest number of 435 guests this year. Compton also reported that registration is now open for the youth baseball and softball programs. Nichols reported that the walking in Kern Pavilion is going well this year, with 509 walkers signed in so far this year. Nichols also reported that the high school girls soccer team has booked 2 weeks of practice in Kern for this year and the Saginaw Sugar Beets youth baseball team have recently used the facility for a few practices. Kaschinske reported that there is some turmoil going on with the youth soccer program in town as one group could be dissolving and another starting up. At this time it is up in the air as to the direction of the programs, but we are trying to encourage them to all work together because our town is not big enough to support competing programs. Kaschinske also reported that Dancing with the Local Stars is next Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and they are looking for volunteers for the event.

**Discussion regarding proposed development on E. Tuscola and park development-** A new residential development is planned to go in on the corner of E. Tuscola Rd. and Block Rd. There is discussion at the planning commission to allow the designated future park land on this property to be slightly different than the parameters that have been set for the development of park land in the past. In particular, there are discussions about allowing a long slender piece of property for the park land, which would allow for a pathway, instead of typical 2:1 ratio of length to width, as has been required in the past. The long slender park land would run on the

south and west sides of the properties that would allow for a non-motorized path, that would also allow links to Memorial Park and school district property from the new development.

**Discussion regarding Memorial Park disc golf course-** Complaints and concerns about the disc golf course continue to come in. There is also an increased concern with the additional people in the park visiting the Splash Pad this summer. Discussions followed about keeping the disc golf course in the park, reducing the size of it, and possibly relocating the disc golf course to another location. No changes will be made at this time and staff will monitor the situation this summer, especially with the splash pad.

**Proposed revised policy regarding park facility rental/lease approval process** – A revised policy for approval of leases was presented. Several different criteria were considered, but main indicator that determined if Parks & Recreation Commission approval was warranted was if an event required a special event license from Liquor Control Commission for selling alcohol to the public. All other events would be approved by staff. Under this policy, leases of 1 year or more would still be approved by City Council. Moved by Chowaniec, supported by Webb, to recommend the revised policy regarding park facility rental/ leases approval process to City Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the lease of park facilities for 2019 Volkslaufe-** Moved by Webb, supported by Meyer, to approve the 2019 Volkslaufe lease. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the lease of park facilities for 2019 Bike MS-** Moved by Foltz, supported by Webb, to approve the 2019 Bike MS lease. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the lease of park facilities for 2020 Bull Terrier Dog Show-** Moved by Foltz, supported by Meyer, to approve the 2020 Bull Terrier Dog Show. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recommendation for the 2019-20 Parks and Recreation budget to City Council-** A proposed budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year was presented and discussed. This budget was discussed in further detail at a committee meeting earlier this month. Moved by Webb, supported by Chowaniec to recommend the 2019-20 Parks and Recreation budget as is to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of January 2019 financial reports** –Moved by Bierlein, supported by Lerash, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janelle Compton  
Recording Secretary