

A regular meeting of the Quality of Life Board was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Chair Dequaine called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Chair Dequaine, Board Members, McNutt, Ash, Sebastian, and Emerson.

Also present was Quality of Life Director Zeller and City Manager Montenegro.

Absent and excused was Board Member Vacancy.

Board Member Sebastian moved to approve the agenda of January 18, 2022 regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Ash, passed unanimously.

Board Member Sebastian moved the minutes of November 16, 2021, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Ash, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Chair Dequaine led the board in a discussion to identify goals and objectives for the board to focus on during the 2022 calendar year. Board Member Ash moved to approve the goals and objectives to engage and share communication with the community to increase awareness of programming, events, and facilities by using the newsletter, social media, and city website, to promote inclusivity and accessibility, and to bring awareness to non-motorized trails and activities on the community; seconded by Board Member Emerson, passed unanimously.

Quality of Life Director Zeller presented to the committee that City Council and the Quality of Life department is looking at restructuring the Quality of Life Board and it's Sub-Committees to reduce the number of volunteers required to fill

boards and to better align the mission of the boards. More information will come in the near future.

Chair Dequaine presented that the Parks Development Sub-Committee would like to participate in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge again. Board Member McNutt moved to approve the participation in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge; seconded by Board Member Ash, passed unanimously.

Quality of Life Director Zeller presented the idea to hold a community event on June 11, 2022 to highlight family health and fitness in our parks. This event lines up with the National Recreation and Parks Association's initiative to bring awareness to how residents can use public spaces to live a healthier life. Board Member Sebastian moved to approve hosting a community event on June 11, 2022 called Family Health and Fitness Day; seconded by Board Member McNutt, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Correspondence

None.

Board Reports

Board Member Sebastian reported that the Arts Council is working on virtual art classes, triathlon planning, goals and objectives, live events such as art in the park and chalkfest, and that they are planning to do the scarecrow contest again, and that they are planning a mural for the human foosball space.

Parks Development: Chair Dequaine reported that Parks Development is working on goals and objectives and that they are excited to participate in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge again this year, and that they will be focusing on information gather and events.

Oak Ridge Park: Board Member Ash reported that the sign is still not in the correct location and that it needs to be moved, and that they are still looking at installing disc golf.

Chair Dequaine adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.