



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, September 8, 2014

1. Call to Order - 7:00 P.M. - Petoskey City Hall Parkside Room
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of Tuesday, May 20, 2014 Meeting
3. New Business -
 - a. Project Status Report
 - b. Recap of Summer
 - c. Tour of the Downtown Greenway Corridor
4. Miscellaneous
5. Adjournment



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 20, 2014

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairman
Amy McMullen, Vice Chairperson
Jim Daunter
William Hansen, Jr.
John Hoffman
Mike Morey

Absent: Frank Lamberti

Staff: Al Hansen, Parks and Recreation Director
Chris Flynn, Parks and Grounds Specialist

Others: Jerry Manthei, PHS Student

Minutes of the Monday, April 14, 2014, meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Bill Hansen, Jr., seconded by Amy McMullen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Hoffman, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)

NAYS: (0)

S.A.F.E. Proposal Considered

At its March 10, 2014 meeting, S.A.F.E. Advisor, Sue Pulaski and S.A.F.E. Council members from Petoskey High School gave a presentation and requested that the Commission consider an ordinance to ban smoking within City parks and beaches. At the March meeting the Commission members chose to table discussion.

Prior to discussion, the Director reviewed several items with Commission members, one being that School and City Recreation program activities do not allow smoking at these events and that it is an informal policy but it has been effective with nearly 100% compliance. Smoking is also not allowed, by State Law, inside City and park buildings including the Winter Sports Park facility and staff is concerned about creating a policy that would not allow people to smoke in open air parks as it will be difficult to enforce, especially within the downtown park areas, marina and campground. The policy may also create conflicts and controversy among visitors when none currently exists.

At this time discussion was re-opened on the requested smoking ordinance.

A motion was made by Amy McMullen not to move forward with an ordinance at this time and that recreation sign-up sheets and parental letters mention that smoking is not allowed at

recreational fields during youth activities so that there is more awareness in the community regarding the subject. The motion was seconded by John Hoffman, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Hoffman, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)

NAYS: (0)

Glenn H. Casey Award Dedication

Commission members were informed that the Glenn H. Casey Award Presentation to Jack Taylor will be held at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. An invitation for this presentation was given to all commission members.

Turcott Field – Opening Day Ceremony

The first Petoskey High School Varsity baseball game played on the new Turcott Field was held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Carol Hansen Memorial Tournament.

A brief opening day ceremony was held and Tom Turcott and Dick Harbaugh were honored for their long term support of baseball and recreation in the Petoskey community. Groups and individuals were also recognized for their contribution of funds to provide for an upgraded scoreboard and other amenities. Major donors recognized included:

The Carol Hansen Memorial Fund – Scoreboard
Edward Jones Investments – Scoreboard
The Duane Hasse Memorial Fund – Field Amenities
Petoskey Baseball Boosters – Field and Concession Stand Equipment

The ceremony lasted approximately 15 minutes and the opening pitch was thrown and the baseball field was used for the first time on this date.

Suspension of Summer Park Meetings

The Director advised Commission members that traditionally the Parks and Recreation Commission has elected to suspend scheduled meetings during the summer months of June, July and August, with regularly scheduled meetings to resume in September.

The Commission was also informed that if a special meeting was needed the Director could call a meeting of the board.

A motion was made by Bill Hansen, Jr., that the City of Petoskey's Parks and Recreation Commission hereby approve the suspension of regularly scheduled meetings for the months of June, July and August 2014, with the understanding that the Director could call a special meeting should the need arise. The motion was seconded by Mike Morey, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Hoffman, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)

NAYS: (0)

Miscellaneous

At this time, Commission member Pulaski inquired about the status of the Arlington Park Project. The Director advised that the Downtown Greenway Corridor Project was underway and that substantial completion was expected in mid-August with trees being planted in the corridor in September and a final project completion date of the fall of 2014.

At this time, Commission member McMullen mentioned that she had been on the North Country Trail near Brubaker and Krause Roads and noticed that there appeared to be a bicycle group constructing a bicycle trail. The Director advised that he was unaware of the activity and that he would visit the site to determine what was going on there and try to identify the group and ask for them to cease and desist until they could get proper permission to construct a trail if deemed appropriate.

The Director also advised that earlier in the year staff had been contacted by a mountain bike association group asking to reroute several trails off the North Country Trail to prevent erosion and it could be that this group has started work without notification to the City. The Director again commented that he would be checking on the activity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Amy McMullen, seconded by Bill Hansen, Jr., with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Hoffman, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)

NAYS: (0)

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 8, 2014 at the City Hall Parkside Room to avoid conflict with the Petoskey High School Sports Banquet which many of the Commission members attend.

Allen L. Hansen
Director of Parks and Recreation



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MEETING DATE: September 8, 2014 **DATE PREPARED:** September 2, 2014

AGENDA SUBJECT: Project Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Hear Reports

Turcott Field. Punch list items were completed by early July and the project has been finalized. The field has been well received by the community and local teams. Several major tournaments were held at the field this summer and the field held up well despite the young turf. The field has been taken out of use for the fall to allow the turf to recover and thicken for next year's spring season. This break along with extra field fertilization and aeration will allow the grass to mature and improve wear ability.

Quarry Harbor Non-Motorized Trail. As you are aware the contractor was required to re-grade and repave a portion of the trail, at their expense, to meet design grade details. The contractor completed this work in mid-August and the project will be finalized in the near future once final punch list items have been corrected. The trail has been well received and utilized by the general public.

Downtown Greenway Corridor – North Segment. This project began in May 2014 in conjunction with infrastructure and roadway improvements. Both projects are nearing completion and the second course of paving on Arlington Avenue is anticipated to begin this week and tree planting and landscape improvements should be completed within the Greenway Corridor over the course of the next several weeks.

Roof Replacement – Petoskey City Hall. Roof replacement of the Public Safety Apparatus Building and adjoining offices was completed in early August.

Magnus Park – Site Improvements. Electric and water hookups were added to the western end of Magnus Park – the former rustic campsites. This work was completed in mid-June. This underutilized area with the addition of the amenities has proven to be very popular and rentals on sites are now near 100% during the July and August camping season.



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AGENDA SUBJECT: Recap of Summer

RECOMMENDATION: Hear Report

Final numbers for Magnus Park and the Marina will be compiled later this month. The cooler summer weather seemed to have little or no effect at Magnus Park with the park near full capacity most weekends this summer. The marina had a slow start in June with cooler weather, rain and wind delaying the boating season. Activity levels picked up in July. August was a mixed bag of weather and wind boat traffic has been strong the last two weeks.

Bayfront Park, downtown and related sports facilities have seen strong use this summer. Bikeway traffic seemed very strong as did foot traffic in the downtown area and attendance at youth tournaments for softball and baseball were very strong.

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AGENDA SUBJECT: Tour of the Downtown Greenway Corridor – North Segment

RECOMMENDATION: Hear Report

Commission members will carpool to the Downtown Greenway Corridor – North Segment and tour the work in progress.

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