



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

March 10, 2014

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, March 10, 2014. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairperson  
Jim Daunter  
William Hansen, Jr.  
Amy McMullen

Absent: John Hoffman  
Frank Lamberti  
Mike Morey

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

Minutes of the Monday, February 10, 2014, meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Bill Hansen, seconded by Jim Daunter, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Pulaski (4)  
NAYS: (0)

### **Presentation by SAFE of Northern Michigan**

At this time the Director introduced Sue Pulaski, coordinator for the CharEm Division of SAFE of Northern Michigan and four student representatives of the organization from Petoskey Schools, those students being Ellen Audia, Connor Reed, Josh Kuhlman and Joe LaBlanc, all seniors at Petoskey High School. The group showed a video and gave a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding tobacco free policies for schools, playgrounds and parks and asked that the Commission consider making City parks tobacco free and if that was not totally possible, they asked that they consider making the beaches and playgrounds tobacco free.

After hearing the presentation the Director advised Commission members that currently the City has a no smoking policy at recreational fields during games and practices at those facilities but that the remainder of the park areas have no restrictions on smoking.

At this time, Jim Daunter asked that the Commission table the discussion until its April meeting.

At this time the Commission members thanked the SAFE group for their presentation and stated that they would take their presentation under advisement.

### **Approval of Recreation Passport Grant**

The Director informed Commission members that the Petoskey School District, Petoskey Community Courts Organization, and the City of Petoskey's Department of Parks and Recreation has formed a collaborative effort to renovate the 42 year old lighted six court tennis complex at the City/School Recreation Complex located at 1500 Hill Street, Petoskey, Michigan. The cost of this major renovation is \$255,000.

City staff has prepared a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Program requesting \$45,000 to go towards the tennis court renovation project. The remaining \$210,000 matching funds will come from the following sources: Petoskey School District \$67,500; potential Revenue Sharing Board Grant \$30,000; and the Petoskey Community Courts Fundraising efforts of \$112,500, bringing the project total with the \$45,000 Recreation Passport Grant to \$255,000.

At this time Commission members were asked to support a resolution that would support the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and further request that City Council adopt a resolution to authorize Dan Ralley, City Manager or his designee to serve as the City's representative for the project, authorize submission of the application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant Program and request that the grant application be considered for approval for the \$45,000 maximum grant match.

Amy McMullen made a motion to adopt the resolution as prepared in the agenda supplement and that it be forwarded to Petoskey City Council, the motion was seconded by Roy Pulaski, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Pulaski (4)

NAYS: (0)

At this time the Director advised that the formal resolution would be certified and forwarded on to City Council for its March 17, 2014 meeting and if approved the grant would then be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources prior to the April 1, 2014 deadline.

### **Begin Selection Process for the 2013 Glenn H. Casey Award**

Commission members were reminded that in 1981 the Glenn H. Casey Award was established to annually recognize a recreation volunteer who has exhibited an outstanding commitment to the City's recreation program. George Newson was the recipient of the 2012 award for his long-term effort and coaching youth in soccer and other sports affiliated with the City's Parks and Recreation team. Commission members were also provided with a list of past recipients and were advised to review and make recommendations of candidates and select a recipient at its April meeting.

At this time two names were entered into consideration for the Glenn H. Casey Award. The first being Dree Lo for her support of tennis in Northern Michigan and her efforts to promote and teach young people the game of tennis within the City's recreation programs and the second candidate was Jack Taylor of Alanson, Michigan, who was recognized as the founder of the Beyond the Scoreboard Organization which serves not only the youth of Petoskey and its recreation programs but the youth of Emmet, Cheboygan and Charlevoix Counties as well.

**Miscellaneous**

At this time Commission member Jim Daunter asked if the Parks and Recreation Department was submitting any other grants to help raise money towards the tennis court project.

The Director advised that he is in the process of preparing grant applications to the Emmet County Revenue Sharing Board requesting \$30,000, a request to the Petoskey Rotary Charities and Rotary Park Fund Projects, and also looking into the submission of a grant applications to the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation and the Bay Harbor Foundation in an effort to raise additional funds towards the tennis court project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Bill Hansen, seconded by Amy McMullen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Pulaski (4)

NAYS: (0)

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 14, 2014 at the City Hall Parkside Room.

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Allen L. Hansen  
Director of Parks and Recreation