



**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.

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Allen L. Hansen  
Director of Parks and Recreation