



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

September 8, 2014

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, September 8, 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.
Frank Lamberti
Mike Morey

Absent: John Hoffman

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

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 20, 2014, meeting were read and a correction was made in the last paragraph under adjournment, deleting the following "to avoid conflict with the Petoskey High School Sports Banquet which many of the commission members may attend". Motion for approval was made by Bill Hansen, Jr., seconded by Jim Daunter, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

Project Updates

The Director briefly reported to commission members on the following projects:

Turcott Field – Project has been completed and the field held up well to summer baseball action.

Quarry Harbor Non-Motorized Trail – This project is basically complete except for the replacement of several small electrical boxes located near the trail.

Roof Replacement – Petoskey City Hall – Replacement of the roof on the Public Safety apparatus room was completed in August and work was completed on budget.

Magnus Park – Electrical site improvements were completed on the former tent sites and these sites were well utilized during the summer.

Downtown Greenway Corridor – North Segment – This project began in May 2014 and is now nearing completion along with improvements to Arlington Avenue as well. Projects are expected to be completed in late September or early October 2014.

Recap of Summer

The Director advised commission members that final budget numbers from Magnus Park and the Marina will be compiled later this month, however, based on observation the cooler summer weather seemed to have little or no effect on the Magnus Park Campground which enjoyed a good level of camping throughout the summer with the park being full most weekends. The marina however was impacted by the cooler summer weather and cool lake temperatures and activity levels finally picked up in July, but again the marina experienced some mixed weather conditions in early August which again effected boater activity. It is believed that the marina will have a slight decline in revenues this year due to these unforeseen weather conditions.

The Director also advised that Bayfront Park, the downtown and sports facilities all seemed to have a strong summer and in particular attendance at youth softball and baseball tournaments was very strong. It is believed that the cooler weather helped to enhance shopping and sporting activities.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hansen reported that several individuals had come into his store this summer complaining that they did not feel comfortable walking in the Bear River Valley due to the presence of homeless people and vagrants hanging around from time to time. Mr. Hansen asked the Director if police patrols could be increased in the Bear River Valley to help discourage the presence of these individuals and help people feel more secure when walking in the river valley.

The Director advised that he was unaware of any complaints, however he would be talking to the Public Safety Director to see if an increased police presence could be focused on in the river valley to help discourage undesirable behavior from these individuals.

Tour of the Downtown Greenway Corridor

At this time the Director advised commission members that they would be touring the Downtown Greenway Corridor and would meet near Winter Park Lane on Arlington Avenue.

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 Frank Lamberti, seconded by Mike Morey, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Lamberti, 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, October 13, 2014 at the City Hall Parkside Room.

Allen L. Hansen
Director of Parks and Recreation