



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, May 11, 2015

1. Call to Order - 7:00 P.M. - Petoskey City Hall Parkside Room
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of Monday, April 13, 2015 Meeting
3. New Business -
 - a. Selection of the 2014 Glenn H. Casey Award Recipient
 - b. Consider designating certain parks and park areas as tobacco free zones
 - c. Consider suspension of summer meetings
4. Miscellaneous
5. Adjournment



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

April 13, 2015

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, April 13, 2015. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

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

Absent: Frank Lamberti

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

Minutes of the Monday, March 9, 2015 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Mike Morey, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (5)
NAYS: (0)

Presentation of the 2014 Parks and Recreation Participation Report

At this time the Director reviewed the 2014 Annual Parks and Recreation Participation Report with Commission members.

A motion was made by Amy McMullen, seconded by William Hansen, Jr., to accept the report. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (5)
NAYS: (0)

Bear Creek and Resort Township Participation Agreements Approved

The Director reviewed the 2015 Annual Recreational Agreements for Bear Creek and Resort Township with Commission members. Bear Creek Township's 2014 Participation Agreement payment will be \$37,933.28 based on a 27.37% participation rate by township residents and Resort Township's 2014 Participation Agreement payment will be \$17,573.76 based on a 12.68% participation rate by township residents.

A motion was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Mike Morey, to approve and send the 2015 Participation Agreement contracts to Bear Creek and Resort Township. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (5)

NAYS: (0)

2014 Glenn H. Casey Award Nominations

The Director informed Commissioners 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 and that last year's recipient was Jack Taylor, for his lifelong coaching career and his commitment to teach positive character traits through youth and high school sports programs and as the founder of Beyond the Scoreboard, Inc.

Commission members were also given a list of past recipients and Commissioners entered in three names for consideration for this year's 2014 Glenn H. Casey award. The first being Gary Hice, for his longtime roll as Athletic Director at Petoskey Public Schools, second being Dree Lo, for her continued work with the high school tennis programs and with recreational tennis programs within the City, and third, Scott Bachelor for his lifelong coaching career with Petoskey High School's Boys and Girls Soccer Programs.

At this time Commissioners asked that the selection process be postponed until their May meeting when a final selection will be made.

Endorsement of Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board Application

The Director reviewed with Commission members that since 2013 the City of Petoskey, the Public Schools of Petoskey and Petoskey Community Courts, an area non-profit organization, have pooled their efforts to attempt to raise approximately \$255,000 to fund the reconstruction of the Six Lighted Tennis Courts at the Recreational Complex located at 1500 Hill Street, Petoskey, Michigan, a joint City/School District facility. To date approximately \$175,000 of the \$255,000 funding goal has been raised. The project, originally scheduled for the summer of 2015, has been delayed as a result of the \$80,000 shortfall in funding. The delay will allow additional time for funds to be raised in hopes of a 2016 construction date. In order to raise additional funds towards the project City staff has prepared an application requesting \$30,000 for the project from the Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board. It should be noted that the Revenue Sharing Board gave \$5,000 to the project in 2014.

At this time Commissioners were asked to consider endorsement the grant application.

A motion was made by Jim Daunter, seconded by Mike Morey, that the Parks and Recreation Commission hereby supports this grant application and further requests that City Council consider endorsement of this application and direct staff to submit the application for funds to the Emmet County Local Revenue Sharing Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (5)

NAYS: (0)

Miscellaneous

At this time Amy McMullen mentioned that the building located next to McLaughlin Field had some graffiti on the building that was inappropriate and the Director advised that he would relay that information to the Public Safety Department and see if there had been any cooperation from the owner to see if they could have that graffiti removed.

Roy Pulaski asked if there was a possibility of striping the hockey rink at the Winter Sports Park for Pickle Ball this year. The Director advised that if there were enough people interested in playing at the Winter Sports Park that the court could be striped and that they would most likely request that the participants purchase the net system for the court.

Amy McMullen also mentioned that there were some doggie bags left along the boardwalk this winter near the high school complex and asked if City crews could pick them up.

Roy Pulaski mentioned that the lifeboat display, J.B. John, on the City dock needs to be refurbished and also asked if the ice damage at the marina was scheduled for repair.

The Director responded that both items would be taken care of and that the ice damage repair project was currently out for bid and a bid would be awarded shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at _____ P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Jim Daunter, seconded by Mike Morey, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (5)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the City Hall Parkside Room.



Allen L. Hansen
Director of Parks and Recreation



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2015 **DATE PREPARED:** May 5, 2015

AGENDA SUBJECT: Selection process for 2014 Glenn H. Casey Award

RECOMMENDATION: Consider potential nominees and select the 2013 recipient

Background: 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. **Jack Taylor** was the recipient of the 2013 award, for his lifelong coaching career and his commitment to teaching positive coaching traits through youth high school and collegiate athletics and as the founding member of Beyond the Scoreboard, Inc.

Action: At its April 13, 2015 meeting, Commission members reviewed a list of former award recipients and nominated three candidates for consideration. The nominees are as follows:

Gary Hice: For his lifelong effort in Northern Michigan, as Petoskey High School Athletic Director, to promote youth and high school athletics to work with the City Programs to insure that times were made available for indoor practice and game facilities and his leadership providing quality high school athletic programs built around positive character, development and sportsmanship.

Dree Lo: For her support of youth, community and high school tennis programs in Petoskey and throughout Northern Michigan. Dree, for multiple years, has organized, directed and taught lessons for the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Tennis Program that has grown to 360 participants and for her efforts in coaching and expanding the Girls Tennis Program at Petoskey High School.

Scott Bachelor: For his lifelong effort to promote both youth and high school soccer in the Petoskey area as both a recreational and successful varsity high school coach for Petoskey Public Schools.

Selection: Commission members will be asked to formally select the 2014 recipient. Upon selection the Director will contact the recipient and set a date for the presentation of the award.



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2015 **DATE PREPARED:** May 6, 2015

AGENDA SUBJECT: Consider Designating Certain Parks and Park Areas as Tobacco Free Zones

RECOMMENDATION: Consider recommending to City Council designated Tobacco Free Zone parks and park areas.

Background: In March 2014 SAFE of Northern Michigan made a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission requesting that an ordinance be created that would ban tobacco products, including smoking material, from City parks. In May 2014 the Commission chose not to go forward with the proposed request for an ordinance and took proactive steps to discourage tobacco use at programmed recreational events.

Proposal: Sue Pulaski, representing SAFE, met with the Director on May 15, 2015 to revisit the creation of tobacco free areas within certain City parks and recreational facilities. This effort would focus on increasing community awareness and health about tobacco products and designate by resolution, not ordinance, tobacco free parks and park areas where practical and where the park areas are frequently more utilized by children and young adults.

Parks to be considered for Tobacco Free Zones include:

- a. River Road Sports Complex
- b. Riverbend Park
- c. Bates Park
- d. Washington Park
- e. Lockwood Park
- f. Winter Sports Park

Tobacco Free Zones within park areas include:

- a. Playground and Ed White Field Area – Bayfront Park
- b. Playground and north side of bike path (lakefront) – Magnus Park

Other parks or park areas may be considered for inclusion at a future date and time.

Action: Commission members should consider recommending that City Council consider designation of certain parks and park areas as tobacco free zones and consider adoption of the attached draft resolution.

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Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children, teens and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at city recreational facilities or parks is detrimental to their health and wellbeing and;

WHEREAS, the designation of Tobacco Free Parks and Tobacco Free Zones within certain parks can create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through rule enforcement and adult-peer role modeling and;

WHEREAS, parents, coaches, leaders and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices that children and teens make and;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has determined that the prohibition of tobacco use at city playgrounds, athletic facilities and certain parks and park areas serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of its constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission requests that City Council consider adoption of this resolution designating that the following parks and park areas be tobacco free:

- River Road Sports Complex
- Riverbend Park
- Bates Park
- Washington Park
- Lockwood Park
- Winter Sports Park
- Bayfront Park – playground and Ed White Field area only
- Magnus Park – playground and lakefront, north of bike path only



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2015 **DATE PREPARED:** May 5, 2015

AGENDA SUBJECT: Consider Suspension of Summer Parks and Recreation Meetings

RECOMMENDATION: Consider suspending summer meetings

Background: Traditionally, the Parks and Recreation Commission has elected to suspend the Commission meetings during the summer months of June, July and August, with regularly scheduled meetings to resume in September.

It is anticipated that a special meeting will be called this summer to review existing development plans for Pennsylvania Park and the Downtown Greenway Corridor from Lake Street to Emmet Street. One topic to be discussed will be the future of the railroad tracks within this corridor.

Action: If the Commission elects to suspend the summer meetings, the following proposed resolution should be considered for adoption:

“That the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission hereby approve the suspension of regularly scheduled meetings for the months of June, July and August 2015, with the understanding that the Director can call a special meeting should the need arise.”