



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

May 11, 2015

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, May 11, 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.  
Frank Lamberti  
Mike Morey

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

Minutes of the Monday, April 13, 2015 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Frank Lamberti, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Lamberti, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)  
NAYS: (0)

**Glenn H. Casey Award Recipient**

At this time the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the candidates nominated at its April 13, 2015 meeting. Those candidates being Gary Hice for his lifelong effort in Northern Michigan as the Petoskey High School Athletic Director, Dree Lo for her support of the community and high school tennis programs and with recreational tennis programs within the City, and Scott Bachelor for his lifelong effort to promote both youth and high school soccer in the Petoskey area.

A motion was made by Jim Daunter, seconded by Amy McMullen, that Dree Lo would be the 2014 Glenn H. Casey recipient. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, Lamberti, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski (6)  
NAYS: (0)

The Director advised that he would set up a date and time for the presentation of the award.

### **Tobacco Free Zone**

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. Sue Pulaski, representing SAFE, met with the Director on April 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.

At this time the Director provided Commission members with a list of parks that he believed should be tobacco free zones.

Those parks include:

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

Other park areas where Tobacco Free Zones would be created within certain portions of the park areas include:

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

After a brief discussion Commissioners agreed that the River Road Sports Complex should be moved from a tobacco free park to a park with tobacco free zones within park area and that the tobacco free zone would be the athletic fields only.

A motion was made by Frank Lamberti, seconded by Mike Morey, that the proposed draft resolution be amended to reflect the change at River Road Sports Complex and be forwarded to City Council for approval.

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

NAYS: (0)

### **Suspension of Summer Meetings**

At this time the Director advised Commission members that traditionally they have elected to suspend the Commission meetings during the summer months of June, July and August, with regularly scheduled meetings to resume in September.

He also advised that 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.

A motion was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Jim Daunter, to approve the suspension of the regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meetings for the

summer months of June, July and August with the understanding that the Director can call a special meeting should the need arise. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

### **Miscellaneous**

At this time Frank Lamberti asked if the Director could give a brief history on the City/High School Recreational Complex, in particular the tennis courts. The Director advised that in 1972 the City and the School District entered into a recreational agreement and also applied for a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Grant to fund improvements at the recreational complex at the high school. The lighted tennis courts were part of this proposed project and over the years the School District and the City have jointly maintained the complex and funded maintenance items on a 50/50 basis.

Roy Pulaski asked Chris Flynn if the damages that had occurred to the lifeboat on Pier A had been addressed. Chris Flynn advised that he had currently made temporary repairs to the vandalism and that he was working on having the boat repainted and stenciled.

Jon Hummel provided Commission members with a brief report on the activities and improvements within City park garden areas.

Jim Daunter asked if the incident with people leaving dog residue along the boardwalk at the high school had been taken care of and if the graffiti on the factory building located next to McLaughlin Field had been addressed. The Director advised that the issue with people leaving dog residue along the boardwalk over the winter months had been resolved and that the graffiti on the building near McLaughlin Field was on private property and that the owner had been contacted but he was unaware if the owner had responded to having the graffiti removed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Frank Lamberti, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 14, 2015 at the City Hall Parkside Room.



Allen L. Hansen  
Director of Parks and Recreation