



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 13, 2017

1. Call to Order - 7:00 P.M. - Petoskey City Hall Parkside Room
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of Monday, October 9, 2017 Meeting
3. New Business -
 - a. Conduct public hearing for 2018-2022 Master Plan
 - b. Recommend action for Master Plan adoption
 - c. Director report
4. Miscellaneous
5. Adjournment



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 9, 2017

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, October 9, 2017. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairman
Amy McMullen
William Hansen, Jr.
Mike Morey
Ken Turk
Sharon Walker
Paul Schemanski

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Others Present: None

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, September 11, 2017 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Turk, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Schemanski, Turk, Walker (7)
NAYS: (0)

New Business

Director Klingelsmith indicated a public hearing would need to be scheduled for the next meeting on November 13, 2017 to satisfy the 30-day notice State requirement as part of the Master Plan approval process. Motion to set a public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on November 13, 2017 was made by McMullen, seconded by Hansen, with all member present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Schemanski, Turk, Walker (7)
NAYS: (0)

Director Klingelsmith presented the draft of the Master Plan with amendments. There was little discussion, as some of the members could not open the email attachment. Hard copies will be mailed to Commissioners who requested. Since there is a 30-day public hearing, Commissioners will have adequate time for review and comments.

The director report referenced:

- The Little Traverse Wheelway trail repair of 1,060 linear feet of trail starting at West Park eastward to the Preserve Entrance of Bay Harbor.
- Budget draft was submitted and reviewed by administration.

- Department will be represented at the PHS career fair.
- Oak Wilt presentation will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 17 at City Hall.
- The City will apply to become a “Tree City, USA” in the spring of 2018.
- Staff is preparing for winter activities and programs.
- Capital Improvement Plan was approved by City Council.
- Discussed having “Picnic in the parks” next summer at Washington, Lockwood and Curtis as an opportunity to engage neighbors with the Parks Commission.

Other Business

Commissioner Walker indicated she had a conversation with the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Foundation about funding opportunities that would support the youth scholarship fund. Spring of 2018 will be the next round of grants through the foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Turk, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Schemanski, Turk, Walker (7)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 13, 2017 in the City Hall Community Room. This meeting will also be a public hearing.

Minutes reviewed and approved by Kendall Klingelsmith, Director of Parks and Recreation.



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2017 **DATE PREPARED:** November 6, 2017

AGENDA SUBJECT: Conduct Public Hearing on Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Public Comment on Plan

Background. The Parks and Recreation Commission Master Plan 2018-2022 has been drafted following guidelines established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). To remain eligible for certain grants administered by the MDNR, an updated Master Plan must be submitted and approved by Grants Management staff every five years. Our current Parks and Recreation Master Plan will expire in February 2018.

Process. City staff, working with an appointed Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee consisting of seven members representing the Parks and Recreation Commission, TIFA Board, Planning Commission, Public Schools of Petoskey, North Central Michigan College, and Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, assembled the draft document of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2018-2022 based on input from the general public, organized sports groups, and community stakeholder. Over 100 individuals provided comments at the public meetings, through email or phone calls. The draft master plan was also reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission, including a work session that was held on October 9, 2017.

Staff Review. City staff will provide an overview of the plan elements.

Public Comment. The public hearing will be opened to receive public comments. People wishing to comment on the plan shall state their name and address of residence.

Closure of Public Hearing. After receipt of public comment, Commissioners may provide input on the plan. Once comment period is over, the Chairperson shall call for a motion to close the public hearing.

From: Margaret Kirkby [<mailto:mkirkby@mac.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 8:13 PM
To: Kendall Klingelsmith <kklingelsmith@petoskey.us>
Subject: Parks & Rec Master Plan

I've just finished reading your 140 page document, Parks & Rec Master Plan. It is impressive, comprehensive, clear. The photos and drawings were helpful. I had no idea that Parks & Rec had so many responsibilities. Often I've thought, "The whole town is a park." I walk my dogs or ride my bike through many of these spaces every day. As beautiful as it all is, you've listed a decade of work yet to do. The dept does a great job of making and keeping all the landscaping look so nice.

My only request is a big swimming pool. I go to the Harbor Springs community pool 3x/wk and sometimes go to Charlevoix's pool. Doesn't the High School want a swim team? A pool would be perfect at the high school or middle school. I noticed in your document, mention of a pool at the community college. That would be nice, but not as useful to youth. With so much natural water in Petoskey, for safety's sake, shouldn't all school children learn how to swim?

I'm so pleased to live in Petoskey where the City (via Parks & Rec) enhances the natural beauty of the area with lovely parks and landscaping everywhere. I'm looking forward to watching your plans come to fruition. And please add my vote for a big indoor swimming pool.

Thanks!
Margaret Kirkby

From: jamie mulligan [<mailto:jamiedeemulligan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Kendall Klingelsmith <kklingelsmith@petoskey.us>
Subject: [Retrieved]Input on parks & rec plan

Hello Mr. Klingelsmith,

I appreciate the opportunity to give input. I walk my dog twice a day along the waterfront and enjoy watching the many diligent fishermen out in all kinds of weather. When they catch their fish, they have no good place to clean them. Often it is on the sidewalk leaving sticky blood which then dries and stays where we all walk.

My suggestion is to build two fish cleaning structures...one by the mouth of the Bear River and the other along Lake Street area on the side of the falls.

My next suggestion involves having our citizens and tourists feel comfortable when walking or biking on the Bear River Trail. Up until a year ago, my dog and I walked the trail every late afternoon. I quit when a large group of mostly teen boys and girls began to gather in the shelter just south of the first overpass. They played music extremely loud, would swing from the shelter's rafters and jump all over the picnic tables. They came from all directions and would meet after school I assume.

So last week I decided to try again after not being on the trail for a year. I took my dog and company. Well, eight of the group had moved up to the sidewalk near the shelter while the remainder were in the shelter. They were smoking...perhaps vapor cigarettes...causing large clouds of white smoke. We had to ask them to let us through which they did but used foul language to each other which we plainly heard as we were walking away from them.

We decided not to try again. Our parks and rec department or the police need to ensure safety on our trails. Plus no one would feel safe trying to use a part of the shelter while that group is there. Does anyone check regularly in the shelter for trash left there including in the grill?

I love our waterfront and the Bear River just like so many. We need to feel we can use these areas without feeling uncomfortable.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Jamie Mulligan
200 W. Lake #14

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Floyd [<mailto:scottefloyd@icloud.com>]

Sent: Friday, November 03, 2017 11:54 PM

To: Kendall Klingelsmith <kklingelsmith@petoskey.us>

Subject: Bear River white water

Hello,

Has anyone ever evaluated the possibility of making a surfable wave on the Bear River? It would be pretty amazing to have a surfable wave year round in Petoskey. Some friends and I have kayaked the white water course a couple years in a row. One thing I have noticed (unfortunately) is that not a lot of people have been on the course, even on great days. So my thought is that since surfing has grown so much, it would be amazing to evaluate the potential of making a standing surfable wave on the river. There are already a couple spots that have small waves that are surfable on kayaks. So I think it's possible to improve those spots for surfing.

Thanks for reading, looking forward to your input.

Scott



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2017 **DATE PREPARED:** November 6, 2017

AGENDA SUBJECT: Action on Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022

RECOMMENDATION: Endorse plan and forward to City Council for adoption

Background. Commission members, based upon their review and knowledge of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022 and comments received at the public hearing on said plan, shall consider formally endorsing the plan and recommend to City Council that they adopt the plan.

Sample Resolution. That the Parks and Recreation Commission formally endorse the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022 and further recommend to City Council that they consider adoption of said plan and direct City staff to submit the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for review and approval. Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, with Commissioners voting on said motion.