



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

March 13, 2017

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, March 13, 2017. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairperson
Amy McMullen, Vice Chairperson
William Hansen, Jr.
Mike Morey
Paul Schemanski
Ken Turk

Absent: Sharon Walker

Staff: Al Hansen, Parks and Recreation Director
Kendall Klingelsmith, New Parks and Recreation Director

Others Present: John Murphy, Mayor
16 students of the Petoskey High School Government Class

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, February 13, 2017 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Turk, seconded by Commissioner Morey, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Schemanski, Turk (6)
NAYS: (0)

Introduction of Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

At this time commission members were given the opportunity to meet and welcome the new Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Kendall Klingelsmith.

Grant Update

Commissioners were informed that on March 6, 2017, City Council approved the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for \$198,830 with a City match of \$99,415 for electrical upgrades on Piers A, C and D at the Petoskey Marina.

City Council also approved a grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Pennsylvania Park restrooms for \$150,000 with a total project cost of \$300,000.

At this time, Commissioner McMullen voiced a concern that she believes that the restrooms should be addressed sooner rather than later and suggested that, should financial opportunities become available to City Council that would allow them to construct the Pennsylvania Park restrooms earlier than the proposed 2018 construction date, that Council give it serious consideration.

At this time, Mayor Murphy advised the board that he will pass this concern on to City Council.

TIFA Projects Supported

At this time, the Director of Parks and Recreation informed commission members that three projects had been budgeted for within parks that had eligible funding through the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

These projects include:

Bayfront Park Stair Tower Engineering and Design: This stair tower connects Bayfront Park to Sunset Park near the waterfall area and will replace the existing wood tower with a new modern stair tower similar to that found in the Bear River Valley with the exception of a roof and was identified in the original TIFA Project Plan with engineering costs of \$17,000,

Magnus Park Playground: Construct a small playground and sandbox area at Magnus Park Complex to serve both day use visitors and campers at a project cost of \$20,000. Playground companies have been contacted to submit playground designs and cost estimates based upon this \$20,000 budget cap. The TIFA Plan calls out playground construction for Magnus Park. It should be noted that the old playground was removed in 2015.

Bayfront Park Landscaping – Festival Area: City staff, in an effort to control exploding resident populations of Giant Canada Geese, has utilized fence barriers to prevent geese from creating unsanitary health related issues and other unpleasant issues for visitors that include the destruction of the grass area near sand beach area. To beautify this control barrier a hedge of dwarf burning bush and other plantings have been considered to be planted between the mouth of the Bear River and the Petoskey Breakwater. This hedge barrier was designed to conceal a small fence and gates will be installed for public access to water and sand beach area. The anticipated cost of this project is \$18,000. It was originally budgeted for \$15,000 in the 2017 budget plan. Landscape plantings are a component of the TIFA Plan and allows this project to be financed under the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

At this time, commission members were asked to consider approving these projects and recommending them for consideration by the TIFA Board.

At this time, Commissioner Hansen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Morey, to move forward with these TIFA projects and recommend that the TIFA Board consider approving these projects and passing them on to City Council for final approval, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Schemanski, Turk (6)
NAYS: (0)

Miscellaneous

At this time, Mayor Murphy thanked the Director for his service to the community for the past 29 years and also thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission for their service and contributions as board members of the commission and City government.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner McMullen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Schemanski, Turk (6)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 10, 2017 at the City Hall Parkside Room.



Allen L. Hansen
Director of Parks and Recreation