



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

September 10, 2018

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, September 10, 2018. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Mike Morey
William Hansen Jr.
Amy McMullen
Paul Schemanski
Jon Terry
Sharon Walker

Absent with notification: Ken Turk

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, May 14, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Walker, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Schemanski, Terry, Walker (6)
NAYS: (0)

New Business:

Dog Park Discussion

Director Klingelsmith summarized the past dog park discussions. There are plans and costs for the former dump on Howard Road and the vacant land by Michigan Maple Block Company on Standish Avenue. The dog park item resonated as a popular suggestion by the public during the last master plan discussion. There have been many ideas regarding a dog park throughout Petoskey but the concern of staff is the lack of private open space large enough to accommodate best practices for dog parks. The board will proceed with conversations with Bear Creek Township, initiated by Bill Hansen Jr. and Resort Township, spearheaded by Paul Schemanski. Staff will update the dog park contingent starting with Gary at Ruff Life.

Picnic in Parks Recap

The Board discussed the Picnic in the Parks Program that was initiated this summer. All were pleased with the response and feedback by the public and look forward to doing the program again in 2019. Some of the suggestions the board heard were:

Washington Park: Community garden, playset/swings, improved parking, dog park, amphitheater/movie night, splash pad and change in topography

Curtis Park: Dog bag stations, restrooms, pavilion, disc golf and keep it the way it is

Lockwood: Pickleball courts, hitting wall and garbage cans

Director's Report

The Director's report referenced:

- Downtown Greenway Corridor progress update
- Marina electrical system upgrade update
- City Hall masonry restoration update
- Downtown Restroom LWCF grant project update
- Iron Belle Trust Fund grant update
- Solanus Mission Beach restoration project update

Old Business:

None to report

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Hansen complemented the Parks staff on the appearance of the parks this summer and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Commissioner Terry and Walker concurred.

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 Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Terry, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Schemanski, Terry, Walker (6)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 8, 2018 at the City Hall Parkside Room.

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