



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

February 12, 2018

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, February 12, 2018. Roll was called at 7:05 P.M. and the following were:

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

Absent: Ken Turk

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director  
Honorable Mayor John Murphy

**Minutes Approved**

Minutes of the Monday, January 8, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, with all members present voting aye.

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

ABSTAIN: Terry (1)

NAYS: (0)

**Old Business**

City of Petoskey Honorable Mayor John Murphy was in attendance and thanked the Commission for their dedication to the important parks and recreation culture in Petoskey. Mayor Murphy also thanked former Chairman Roy Pulaski for his long-term commitment to the Commission and identified several projects to be proud of. Mayor concluded by encouraging the Commission to continue to focus on improving the parks and recreation culture and opportunities for the City of Petoskey.

At the January meeting, Commission members were asked to nominate and elect a Chairperson to conduct the official meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2018 and elect a Vice Chairperson to act on behalf of the Chairperson in their absence. Roy Pulaski was elected as Chair and Amy McMullen as Vice Chair. As of February 2018, Pulaski's term was not extended thus, ineligible to perform duties as Chair. The Commission proceeded to nominate Amy McMullen as Chair and Mike Morey as Vice Chair. Both accepted their nomination.

Motion was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, that Amy McMullen perform duties as Chairperson and Mike Morey as Vice Chairperson, with all members present voting aye.

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

### **New Business**

Public Hearing on Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and Waterways grant application. Public hearing was opened and closed by Commissioner McMullen. No public comment was given.

Motion was made by Commissioner McMullen, seconded by Commissioner Hansen to request that the City of Petoskey City Council adopt a resolution to authorize Robert Straebel, City Manager, or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this project, authorize the submission of the application and request that Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund consider approval of the grant application for the construction and installation of the Iron Belle Trail Bridge Crossing and provide grant assistance, with the assistance of outside funding, in the amount of \$83,000, with all members present voting aye.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Morey, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, to request that the City of Petoskey City Council consider the adoption of a resolution, authorizing Robert Straebel, City Manager, or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this Petoskey Municipal Marina Pier B pedestal replacement, authorize submission of the Waterways Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requesting funding consideration for this project in the amount of \$35,350 and agree to provide a project match of \$35,350, with all members present voting aye.

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

The Director's report referenced:

- Winter Carnival is expected to be a success. Staff has been working hard to prepare for the event.
- Director Klingelsmith spent last week at the mParks conference in Detroit.
- There has been some light conversation regarding improving the Bear River dam/lamprey barrier, which is referenced in the approved Master Plan. Also referenced in the Master Plan was better water access and this project could improve kayak access to Little Traverse Bay through the Bear River. Klingelsmith asked for support to continue talks with the City Manager, State of Michigan and Federal agencies associated with the improvements. Commission supported continued talks.
- Lastly, the Director indicated seasonal employment recruitment is currently a priority and asked the Commission to assist. Discussion about hiring retired individuals took place. Members will proceed to talk to potential seasonal hires.

### **Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Walker expressed an interest in approaching the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation for youth scholarship funding. Will connect with Director for more information.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Morey, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 12, 2018 in the City Hall Parkside Room.

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