



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday, October 14, 2019

1. Call to Order - 7:00 P.M. - Petoskey City Hall Parkside Room
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of Monday, September 9, 2019 Meeting
3. New Business -
 - a. Director report
 - a. Project updates
 - i. Stair Tower
 - ii. Iron Belle Bridge
 - iii. Erosion Issues
 - iv. US-31
4. Miscellaneous
5. Adjournment



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Monday September 9, 2019

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, September 9, 2019. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

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

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director
One member of the public

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, May 13, 2019 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Morey, seconded by Commissioner Terry, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Dog Park Update and Discussion

Director Klingelsmith updated the commission on the dog park discussions from over the summer. He met with representatives from Bear Creek and Resort Township to further the discussion. At the meeting an area of land owned by Bear Creek Township was supported in furthering the idea of a "community" dog park which would be jointly shared by the municipalities via contract. While no details of the contract have been discussed, the concept is supported. The land is on the corner of Click and McDougal roads and, with proximity to the River Road Sports Complex, Click Road soccer fields and the Bear River, this property could serve as a great location and checks many of the best practice boxes.

A motion to support continuing conversations with the townships and hopefully the county on the concept of a community dog park was offered by Commissioner Turk with support from Commissioner Hansen, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

Picnic in the Parks Recap

Another successful summer with the picnic in the park series offered by the Commission. Feedback was positive. Commissioner McMullen will work on the Washington Park neighborhood and Commissioner Turk will do the same with Curtis Park neighbors to see if they will coordinate their own picnic. The Commission will be happy to attend and assist where needed.

Director's Report

The Director's report referenced:

- Capital Improvements Plan
- 2020 budget
- Project status
 - Stair Tower
 - Shoreline Erosion
 - Iron Belle Bridge
 - Lake Street Dam
 - Pickleball
- Potential 2020 grants
 - Forestry
 - Marina
 - Pennsylvania Park
 - Solanus Mission Beach

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Terry appreciated the efforts for the hammock lounges and keeping the arboretum natural.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Terry, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Schemanski, Terry, 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, October 14, 2019 at the City Hall Community Room with the TIFA board.

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



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2019 **DATE PREPARED:** October 8, 2019

AGENDA SUBJECT: Directors Report

RECOMMENDATION: Information Only

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting as there is a special City Council meeting regarding our staff action plan. Much of the discussion revolves around sustainable planning, energy upgrades, capital planning and funding which includes many parks and recreation properties. Mark Lennemann, who has been with the City for 30+ years, will be my proxy. Mark oversees the marina, Magnus Park and Winter Sports Park but also knows everything there is to know regarding the maintenance of our parks. He will be able to answer most of your questions regarding the above-mentioned properties and parks.

The Sunset Park stair tower project is finally progressing into a structure. The entire stair tower is on site and the contractor has been on site erecting the tower. Following the completion of the tower, the site will be repaired, landscaped and tied back into the new path.

The City is still waiting for the final easement for the Iron Belle Bridge. The EGLE (formally DEQ) permit has been applied for and we are hoping for the specifications to be out to bid this winter. Since this is a grant-funded project, all plans and specifications need to be approved by the state. No concern on the timing.

Over the summer/fall, there have been several shoreline erosion issues. They have been mitigated enough to get us through the fall/winter but we will need to potentially address again in 2020. The City has contracted with a shoreline-engineering firm to spend a day looking at the situation, and also the marina, to come up with recommendations. As you are aware, these are very challenging issues and while we do the best we can, we need to leverage resources who specialize in these topics.

The US-31 project is coming to a close and we are pleased with the outcome and the opportunity the project presented to us. There are areas enhanced with irrigation, landscaping and forestry changes. There is a substantial amount of landscaping yet to be completed, particularly by the new retaining wall on Bayfront Drive and along the north corridor (between Winter Park Lane and MacDonald Drive)

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Enclosure