



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

May 13, 2019

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, May 13, 2019. Roll was called at 7:29 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

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, April 8, 2019 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Turk, seconded by Commissioner Walker, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Little Traverse Bay Ferry Company Discussion

Director Klingelsmith informed the Commission about the discussions regarding the Little Traverse Bay Ferry Company over the last few month. There was a quote in the paper, referencing a meeting in Harbor Springs, that the "City of Petoskey is 100% on board" with the ferry. Director Klingelsmith clarified by saying the City has not signed any lease or agreements but has communicated terms, which would need to be negotiated and put into an agreement. The bulk of the decision at this point lies with Harbor Springs as they have several steps to take before the ferry is a reality. If Harbor Springs approves the service, Petoskey will then move forward with consideration of the project.

Commissioners supported continuing the conversation with the company contingent upon Harbor Springs' decision.

Coastal Zone Management Grant

The City would like to pursue a planning grant through the Coastal Zone Management for improvements to Solanus Mission Beach. As part of the grant application, a resolution from City Council is required. This board will need to recommend to City Council support for the submission. The grant is for planning and includes all pertinent consultant, permitting and other fees to implement.

A motion to recommend to City Council that the Parks and Recreation Director be given approval to write a planning grant to the State of Michigan Coastal Zone Management Grant Program supporting Solanus Mission Beach was made by Commissioner Schemanski with support from Commissioner Turk. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

Director's Report

The Director's report referenced:

- Update on the restroom project;
- Introduced Mary Jean Meyerson and discussion about the hammock circles in a few areas around the parks. Locations have been identified and funding will be pursued with hopes to install two this summer;
- Marina electrical project is wrapping up;
- Informed the Commission about a dog park meeting with Resort and Bear Creek Townships;
- The marina dock repair was approved and will take place prior to June 2.

Old Business

Chair McMullen brainstormed dates for the Park and Recreation Commissioners Picnic in the Parks and identified the following:

June 10 – Curtis Park

July 18 – Washington Park

August 8 – Winter Sports Park (block party)

August 13 – Lockwood

McMullen will coordinate Commissioner duties.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Schemanski indicated that he is continuing to work on the participation report cost analysis.

Commissioner Terry mentioned the Trails Council marathon and wanted to make sure the City and TOMTC were communicating. He also stated his support of the hammock circles and thanked Mary Jean Meyerson for her work on the project.

Commissioner McMullen complimented City staff on how great the parks are looking.

Commissioner Walker commented that she supports the hammock circles.

Commissioner Morey made a motion to recess June, July and August unless needed with Commissioner Turk supporting. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Hansen Jr., 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, September 9, 2019 at the City Hall Parkside Room.

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