



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

January 14, 2019

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, January 14, 2019. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

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

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Others Present: 22 residents
Tim Knutsen, Landscape Architect, Beckett and Raeder

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, December 10, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Turk, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Turk, Schemanski, Walker, Terry (7)
NAYS: (0)

New Business

There were two public hearings scheduled. Mailings went out to surrounding properties with a copy of the plan pertaining to Bayfront West/Solanus Mission Beach. Staff explained to the audience present that the plan was only a concept to be explored hence the public input invitation. After public input, the plan will be revised, if needed.

Chair McMullen opened the public hearing for the proposed Riverbend Park Pickleball Courts at 7:02 P.M. Comments were heard and public hearing was closed at 7:13 P.M.

Public comments regarding the Riverbend Park Pickleball Courts were overwhelmingly supportive. For the last 9 months, the Little Traverse Bay Pickleball Association has been raising funds for this project and has amassed over \$85,000. Both the public and City is excited to get this project moving forward. Commissioner Schemanski indicated that Resort Township is slated to discuss possible financial support at the January 28, 2019 Parks and Recreation meeting.

Chair McMullen opened the public hearing for the proposed improvements at Bayfront West/Solanus Mission Beach Park at 7:13 P.M. Comments were heard and the public hearing was closed at 7:57 P.M.

Public comments regarding the Bayfront Park/Solanus Beach were generally split based on the area of the park. There was mostly opposition for any improvements on the east side of the property. Concerns about trespassing, light pollution, parking, blocking view sheds, and noise were reoccurring concerns. Some residents were worried about compromising the open space to volleyball courts and other structured uses. The Solanus Beach access design was mostly supported with a few suggestions that included providing adequate trash cans, dog waste stations, proper signage and moving the shelter/restroom to an area less visible from the parking lot.

The Commission directed staff to modify the plan based on public comments and discuss at the February meeting.

The Director's report referenced:

- Update on the downtown restroom renovation. Project is proceeding on schedule;
- Marina electric upgrades are proceeding as planned. All dock work has been completed and currently the electric panels are being upgraded;
- Magnus Park Campground reservation system has proven to be successful. Staff time has significantly been reduced in dealing with reservations and utilized more efficiently at the Winter Sports Park; and
- Mother Nature has provided her share of challenges at the Winter Sports Park. Staff remains diligent in making ice when they can.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Walker commented on the positive experience that her grandson is having playing recreation basketball.

Commissioner Hansen recommended pursuing plans at Bayfront West/Solanus Beach that include beach enhancement but keep the east side of the park as is.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Morey, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the City Hall Parkside Room.

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