

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Escanaba City Hall, Escanaba, MI 49829.

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Karen Moore, Vice Chairperson Joe Kaplan, Boardmembers Patty Woerpel, Barb Chenier and Valarie Norman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recreation Director Kim Peterson and Recreation Assistant Brooks Bougie

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** City Council Liaison Ralph Blasier

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2018**

A motion was made by Boardmember Woerpel, seconded by Boardmember Kaplan, to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2018. Motion was approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2019 Meeting Dates**

Director Peterson presented the meeting dates for the 2019 calendar year. The meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**A motion was made by Boardmember Chenier, seconded by Boardmember Norman, to approve the meeting dates for 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.**

## **2. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Discussions**

Director Peterson explained to the board that the city did not receive the funding through the Recreation Passport to replace the tennis courts. A previous Recreation Passport Grant in 2015 was used to reseal and fix the major cracks on the courts, but when resealing is done it is estimated that it will last roughly five years. The estimated cost to completely remove and replace the existing tennis courts would be roughly \$125,000. The options at this point are to ask council to add the tennis court repairs to the budget and ask them for the full \$125,000; the City can look into doing some of the work in house to offset the total cost of the project and finally seek public donations to facilitate the project if needed.

Director Peterson discussed other various projects that could be potentially added to the budget for this year, including a splash pad to replace the current city wading pool. The Webster Wading Pool has some major repairs needed this past year and the facility is in rough condition.

The Five-Year Recreation Plan was reviewed and funding was discussed for projects incorporated in such.

## **3. Project Updates**

### **Civic Center Usage/Program and Activity Update**

Director Peterson reviewed the monthly Civic Center usage report with the board.

### **Grants Awarded- Northside Non-Motorized Pathway**

Director Peterson stated that the City was awarded a Department of Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$300,000. Project Agreements for this grant will go before City Council in four to six months when papers are received from the State. The City budgeted \$50,000 in this fiscal year budget and Director Peterson will ask to defer these funds to the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget as this project will be in 2020. Director Peterson also stated that the City is currently working with the Michigan Department of Transportation on a TAP Grant in the amount of \$691,000 and the DNR Trust Fund \$300,000 is being used as matching funds. The City already received \$17,000 from two grant cycles of the Hannahville 2% Grant Monies.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Addendum to LTE Implementation Agreement- Generator at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center**

Director Peterson stated that City Council budgeted \$5,500 this fiscal year to install a generator at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center. She is hoping the facility will become designated as an emergency shelter to get additional grant funds for the facility. NMU currently has LTE equipment on the City's water tower near the facility and they would like to contribute \$8,250 towards the installation project in return for

the use of the generator if there is a power outage. An agreement will be going before City Council for approval in the near future..

**Various**

Director Peterson reviewed some of the upcoming events for this year, including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; Rock the Dock July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bandshell; Salmon Tournament July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at the Escanaba Marina; Rock the Dock August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Municipal Dock and 906 Day on September 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be seeking various sources of funding for these events.

Director Peterson commented on the New Year's Eve Fireworks and stated that everything went great but it was windy and they will look at having the fireworks display show in the same location as the Fourth of July fireworks.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Director Peterson stated the department is continuing to work on flooding the ice rink, grooming the ski trails on the West Side Ski Park and Ludington Park and working on the snowshoe trails.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 6:54p.m., seconded by Boardmember Norman. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson, Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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