

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. There was no quorum. No action was taken.

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Boardmembers Joe Kaplan and Valarie Norman

**BOARDMEMBERS EXCUSED:** Chairperson Karen Moore, Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman and Council Liaison Ralph Blasier

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Peterson, Recreation Director; Brooks Bougie, Recreation Assistant

No action was taken.

Discussed the upcoming 2017-18 budget. Projects to include would be, LED lights at the Ludington Park tennis courts and identifying City property lines. The board understands the budget deficits and projects mentioned in the Five-Year Recreation Plan would mostly be done by grants or private donations.

The Five-Year Recreation Plan is on schedule for adoption. It is hoped a worksession can be conducted with the Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council for some time in February 2017. The plan needs to be adopted and submitted to the DNR by the end of March 2017 in order to obtain grant funding opportunity through 2021. The plan is under the thirty-day legal review process currently until the end of January 2017.

The non-motorized pathway connectors will have some sections incorporated into the Public Work's Budget, along with tree maintenance throughout Ludington Park.

Winter festival was discussed for middle of February. Valarie Norman and Kim Peterson are working with various organizations and volunteers to try and put together a festival with activities and snacks that would be no cost to the citizens. More to come on this event as it evolves.