

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**February Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Harris, Randy Kleiman,  
Karen Moore

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Noble

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Penegor, Recreation Director  
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant  
Ralph Blasier, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**Approval/Correction of the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes from Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Randy Kleiman motioned to approve the minutes as written. Jonathan Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None.

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Bike Path Update.** Mr. Penegor advised since the last meeting held in July, the City of Gladstone has applied and received a grant to perform a feasibility study to construct a bike path from Gladstone to P Road (behind the Terrace). The estimated cost of the project is 1.8 million.

Board member Karen Moore advised the bike path will proceed south on P Road, cross the river and connect with Sheridan Road. She informed Rory Mattson of the Delta Conservation has received funding and approval to clean-up pilings in the Escanaba River which will start in the summer of 2014. After the clean-up is completed, the City can apply for funding under a separate project to complete the bike path. She stated it may be advantageous for the City of Gladstone and Escanaba to apply for joint funding on the project. She also informed in 2017 the Escanaba River bridge will be reconstructed which will include a bike path as well.

Board member Jonathan Harris informed the City of Gladstone recently advertised a bid seeking to hire an engineer for the bike path project from Gladstone to P. Road.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Annual Meeting Schedule.** The Recreation Advisory Board members reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2014. Motion to approve by Jonathan Harris, seconded by Randy Kleiman, unanimous.

**2. Rules of Procedure.** The Recreation Advisory Board members reviewed the Rules of Procedure. Board member Karen Moore stated section **1.2 Membership** needed to be revised to reflect the board to consist of five (5) members, not seven. Board member Randy Kleiman motioned to approve the Rules of Procedure with the membership change, seconded by Jonathan Harris, unanimous.

**3. 2014/2015 Budget.** Mr. Penegor informed the Recreation budget for 2014/2015 will maintain all current recreation facilities and include the following: All tennis courts and one basketball court will be resurfaced; 6' sidewalks will be constructed connecting the Ludington park pavilion, courts, and restrooms; replacement of cement approximately 55' x 15' to the Civic Center main entrance; repair of loose floor tiles with in the Civic Center; and a new trailhead with additional parking for the current 30<sup>th</sup> street ski/snowshoe trail.

**4. Plum Creek Grant Application.** Mr. Penegor advised application has been made to Plum Creek for a grant to purchase a 44" trail cutter, 72" drag compaction, electric actuator, and tracksetter to cut and groom the trails off 30<sup>th</sup> Street. The total cost of the equipment is \$4,332. This amount will be offset from a \$1,244 donation received from the Community Foundation leaving a balance of \$3,088.

**5. Fireworks, Sanitation, and Park Concessions Bids.** Bids for the July Fourth fireworks, sanitation, and park concessions were mailed on February 10, 2014. The bids will be advertised locally on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The bid opening is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

**6. Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events.** Mr. Penegor informed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball program will begin on Friday, February 21, 2013 with nine teams participating.

The Royce and Webster Ice Rinks are in excellent condition; however, public use has been down due to frigid temperatures.

Free snow shoe rentals at the Civic Center have been well utilized by the public with most pairs checked out each weekend. The cross-country ski trail and snow shoe path located off 30<sup>th</sup> Street is in excellent condition. Due to popular use with current limited parking, the City is evaluating locations for additional parking.

The Civic Center participated in the annual X-plosion Basketball Tournament with several games played in the gymnasium on Sunday, January 26th.

The annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Jig it event was held on Little Bay de Noc on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Although the weather was extremely cold, attendance was good.

The annual Mites to Men Pond Hockey Tournament was held on January 31-February 2, 2014 in Ludington Park. There was approximately 17 teams participating. Attendance was down due to conflicts with district hockey tournaments and the Nahma Pond Hockey Tournament.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Penegor informed ten (10) windows were replaced on the north side of the Civic Center in the Community Action Agency offices. Funding for the project was monies remaining from the Civic Center renovation project donated by John and Patt Besse.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

**Adjournment.** With no further business, Randy Kleiman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jonathan Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Penegor  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Acting Chairperson

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Date