

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Moore, Boardmembers Valarie Norman, Joe Kaplan, Valerie Norman and Patty Woerpel

BOARDMEMBERS EXCUSED: Boardmember Barb Chenier

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Peterson, Recreation Director; Brooks Bougie, Recreation Assistant; Ralph Blasier, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: WDBC/WYKX Representative Craig Woerpel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The board extended a welcome to new boardmember Patty Woerpel.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2017

A motion was made by Boardmember Valarie Norman, seconded by Boardmember Patty Woerpel, to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2017. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointment of a New Vice Chairperson

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated Vice Chairperson Kleiman's term on the board has expired effective June 1, 2017. The vote for a new Vice Chairperson will be postponed to next month's meeting when a full quorum is present.

Non-Motorized Pathway System

Recreation Director Kim Peterson explained to the board that she is still waiting for a map and cost estimates from the City Engineer's Office. She stated that the map and cost estimate are almost finalized. Public meetings to seek input will begin this fall. The following grant opportunities will be pursued - Hannahville 2%, Iron Bell, MDOT TAP and MDNR Trust Fund.

Review of Winter Sports Budget

Recreation Director Kim Peterson reviewed the Winter Sport Budget and the average number of users in previous years of the Royce and Webster Ice Rinks. The Winter Sport Budget includes ice rinks and cross country ski trails. See below number of users and budget numbers:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Average Users</u>
2006-2007	Royce	33	87
	Webster	33	61
2007-2008	Royce	70	41
	Webster	69	29
2008-2009	Royce	40	49
	Webster	40	44
2009-2010	Royce	35	68
	Webster	35	50
2010-2011	Royce	45	48
	Webster	44	36
2011-2012	Royce	8	62
	Webster	7	50
2012-2013	Royce	37	32
	Webster	43	38
2013-2014	Royce	68	26
	Webster	60	11
2014-2015	Royce	49	35
	Webster	49	12
2015-2016	Royce	31	22
	Webster	31	14
2016-2017	Royce	14	30
	Webster	10	17
2012-2013	\$35,453		
2013-2014	\$47,914		
2014-2015	\$52,721		
2015-2016	\$49,885		
2016-2017	\$47,480		

The Board discussed the possibility of having a centralized ice rink at the Civic Center property. Years ago there was an ice rink on the property. Also discussed cost savings options.

Chairperson Karen Moore inquired about the feasibility of a refrigerated ice rink at Ludington Park. Recreation Director Kim Peterson will research this idea and report back to the board.

Cost estimates will be projected for relocating the ice rink to the Civic Center property to include ground preparation, installation of hockey boards, lighting and rubber matting for the Civic Center floors.

More information will be provided at next month's meeting for further discussions.

Community Action Agency Lease

Recreation Director Kim Peterson stated the Community Action Agency leases space in the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center for their senior program. A \$225/month utility fee started to be charged in 2010 and there hasn't been any increase over the years. A \$75/month increase is being proposed. A monthly fee is paid for rent, however, the money is given back to the organization through the budget process. No other changes are being made to the lease.

A motion was made by Boardmember Valarie Norman, seconded by Patty Woerpel, to recommend to the Escanaba City Council approval of a lease with the Community Action Agency with an increase in utilities to \$300/month for September 1, 2017, to August 31, 2018. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Project Updates:

Civic Center Usage Update/Program and Activity Update

Recreation Director Peterson reviewed the May usage for the Civic Center building. A majority of the use is from the Senior Center, as students' last day was May 5th.

Dog Park

Recreation Director Peterson stated the Delta County Airport has two pieces of property available for a potential dog park. There is a grant opportunity with a deadline of June 30th that she will be submitting an application for \$25,000. Award notification is given in September 2017.

Chairperson Karen Moore and Recreation Director Kim Peterson reviewed both parcels and came to an agreement on a 3.3 acre parcel near the entrance of the airport.

Various

Rock the Dock event is July 3rd and August 5th. Fourth of July activities will take place in Ludington Park with a fire work show at dusk. \$10,000 was budgeted for the fireworks and \$6,000 was donated for a total of \$16,000 for fireworks this year.

Discussed having a 50/50 at some upcoming events with the Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sportsfishermen (non-profit can apply for such license as the City cannot) applying for the license through the State of Michigan with all proceeds going to Recreation. These funds will be deferred for recreation use only. Discussed recent cuts with the budget and need to come up with ideas to generate revenue.

Working on movie in the park display for next month.

MISCELLANEOUS

N/A

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Valarie Norman, seconded by Joe Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson
Recreation Director

Karen Moore, Chairperson

Date