

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Karen Moore, Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman and Boardmembers Joe Kaplan, Valarie Norman and City Council Liaison Ralph Blasier

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

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Media Representatives, Lee Morrison and Craig Woerpel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2016**

Joe Kaplan stated there was a spelling error on page 3 referring to the Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative.

**A motion was made by Joe Kaplan, seconded by Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman, to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2016, with the noted correction. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

No changes.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

None.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the board held a work session just before the board meeting to review the Non-Motorized Pathway checklist pertaining to missing links in order to prioritize. She stated that together the board reviewed the list and ranked each in order of importance from 1-9. She then went through the list and reviewed each missing link in the pathway.

The prioritized list is as follows:

1. Bike path on the north side of fairgrounds entrance going north to the corner of US2 and 41 and Danforth Road.
2. Sheridan Road going south to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue North going west to North Lincoln Road going west (shared roadway with line painting on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue North).
3. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from South Lincoln Road to Ludington Park.
4. Lake Shore Drive from Ludington Park to M35.
5. Willow Creek Road between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North (shared roadway with line painting on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North).
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North from North 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Stephenson Avenue (dedicated separated bike path on the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North).
7. North 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North to 3rd Avenue North (north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North).
8. Stephenson Avenue to Sheridan Road.
9. Municipal Dock to North 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Community Action Agency Lease Renewal**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the Senior Center currently houses half of the Civic Center building and they have been a tenant for many years and the proposed lease has no changes from two years ago. She stated that they are good neighbors and work well with the Recreation Department. Peterson stated she is recommending the board approve a one year lease renewal.

**A motion to approve was made by Randy Kleiman, seconded by Joe Kaplan. Motion was approved unanimously.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Five-Year Recreation Plan**

Chairperson Karen Moore opened the Public Hearing to ask for public comment. She asked for public comment. She again asked for public comment. There were none.

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the Five-Year Recreation Plan will be reviewed next month. CUPPAD is working on the drafts and incorporating all the edits from the board from the previous month.

Director Peterson stated that the results were completed and reviewed from the community wide Recreation online survey. A total of 382 participated in the on line survey.

Discussion was brought up about the City possibly adding a splash park. Questions brought up entailed location, overall interest and cost to complete the project along with ongoing maintenance costs. Director Peterson stated that it will be added as a general goal to the Five-Year Recreation Plan.

Boardmember Valarie Norman suggested handicapped accessible (ADA) curbs throughout Ludington Park to make the park more accessible to everyone to utilize. Chairperson Karen Moore stated that this should be added to the Five-Year Recreation Plan as well and should facilitate not only Ludington Park but all City facilities city wide. Recreation Director Peterson stated she will also add ADA accessibility when the opportunity arrives throughout City recreation facilities and park settings.

Discussion took place on upgrading lighting throughout Ludington Park and what the rate of return would be on energy efficiency. This will also be added to the Five-Year Recreation Plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Project Updates**

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

Recreation Director Peterson stated figures are needed from the senior center so the report can be complete and will forward it when done. Director Peterson stated that the Civic Center will open back up to students for the year on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The swimming and soccer lessons will be completed this week for the year. The Recreation Department is making preparations for the beginning of the school year for when the students come back.

#### **B) Dog Park**

Director Peterson stated that she met with Delta Fence at the Water Department to get an estimate on the cost of the fencing enclosure. She stated she received a quote of approximately \$25,000 for the outer perimeter fencing along with interior fencing to separate small, large and service/older dogs into their own separate enclosures. The board brought up discussion into

how the dog park could be funded (i.e. through grants and public donations, fundraisers, etc.).

Discussion was also brought up in regards to noise and how it would affect the area around the dog park. The board reviewed the pros and cons and reviewed complaints from other communities that have public dog parks. The board also discussed possible alternative locations for the dog park. Discussion will be ongoing for next month's meeting and be kept on the agenda.

Recreation Director Peterson will contact various communities about concerns on noise in other dog parks.

**C) Various**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Boardmember Joe Kaplan, meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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Date