

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**October Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm at the Civic Center.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Harris, Randy Kleiman, Todd Maki,  
Karen Moore, Maggie Pomeroy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**Approval/Correction of the September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Randy Kleiman motioned to approve the minutes as written. Todd Maki seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

New Business: 5. City of Escanaba/Community Action Agency Lease Agreement  
6. Bocce Ball Court

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Recreation Passport Grant at Ludington Park Update.** Mr. Penegor informed 6' ADA sidewalks connecting the pavilion, restrooms, tennis court and basketball court are anticipated to be completed in October, 2014.

**2. Civic Center Roof Bid Update.** Mr. Penegor informed the Civic Center facility was constructed in 1967. Roof repairs were last performed in 2008 mostly on the gymnasium roof at a cost of approximately \$8,000. On August 22, 2014, City administration received three (3) proposals from local firms for professional engineering services to re-roof the Civic Center building. On October 2, 2014 Council approved to retain Bittner Engineering in the amount of \$6,950 for engineering and design services. Bittner recently completed a site inspection in preparation of a bid proposal. Bittner will monitor the project from inception to completion and all work is to be completed by June 30, 2014.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Recreation Meeting Schedule.** The board discussed the 2015 recreation meeting schedule. Motion by Todd Maki to change the meeting time to 6:00pm effective November, 2014. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Harris, unanimous.

2. **Wells Sports Complex.** Mr. Penegor advised the Wells Sports Complex will have only one sheet of ice during the upcoming winter season and seeks input for development of other recreational opportunities within their facility. Indoor tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, baseball batting cages, and a walking track have been suggested. Board member Jonathan Harris suggested disc golf. Mr. Penegor indicated he would pass along any other suggestions the board may have.

3. **Grant Application Activity.** Mr. Penegor informed the City has applied for a Hannahville 2% grant seeking a back-up generator for the Civic Center at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

The City has also applied to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for a grant to replace the foul ball netting at Tapani Field. The cost of new netting is approximately \$2,500 and if approved, the grant would cover 50% of the cost. Escanaba Little League has agreed to cover the remaining \$1,250.

4. **Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events.** Mr. Penegor advised the Civic Center is now accepting registrations for 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball. Player assessments will be held on Monday, October 20 from 3-4pm in the Civic Center gymnasium with a coaches meeting to follow. Games begin on Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Michigan Works is sponsoring a non-motorized pathway meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 2:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The City Public Works Department is working to winterize all outdoor recreation facilities.

The Delta Conservation Department Escanaba River piling clean-up is scheduled to take place in 2015. The City of Gladstone proposed bike path from Gladstone to the Terrace (P Road) is scheduled for 2016.

5. **City of Escanaba/Community Action Agency Lease Agreement.** Mr. Penegor informed the lease language remains unchanged from the previous year. The board reviewed the 2014/2015 proposed Lease Agreement. Motion to approve the proposed annual Lease Agreement as written by Randy Kleiman, seconded by Todd Maki, unanimous.

6. **Bocce Ball Court.** Mr. Penegor asked for the board's input with regard to the development of Bocce Ball court within the City. A diagram of court specifications and surfaces was provided for board to review. Board members liked the concept and proposed an area north of the volleyball court in Ludington Park as a favorable location. Motion by Randy Kleiman in support of development of a Bocce Ball court in Ludington Park, seconded by Todd Maki, unanimous.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Penegor informed the Civic Center was lost power on Monday from approximately 6:00pm to Tuesday at 4:15pm. City electrical crews replaced the underground wire from the transformer to the pole. They also replaced a 50kw transformer and a line arrestor.

**Adjournment.** With no further business, Todd Maki motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jonathan Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Penegor  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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Date