

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
December Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2014

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Approval/Correction of the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes from Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Randy Kleiman motioned to approve the minutes as written. Todd Maki seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Unfinished Business: 3. Non-Motorized Pathway Update

Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Wells Sports Complex Update. Mr. Penegor informed the Wells Sports Complex intends to construct one indoor tennis court with a surface similar to an outdoor court at a materials cost of \$2,000 - \$3,000. The remainder of the facility will contain astro turf and can be utilized for soccer, baseball and other sports. Additionally, the facility will have a walking track around the outer perimeter. Board member Jonathan Harris informed the facility will charge a \$50 per hour rental fee. Membership fees to play tennis are unknown at this time.

2. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Grant Update. Mr. Penegor informed the City has received notification from MMRMA that 50% funding for safety netting at Tapani Field has been approved up to a maximum of \$1,300. The remainder of the cost for the netting will be paid by Little League.

3. Non-motorized Pathway Update. Mr. Penegor presented the board with three (3) non-motorized path proposals with cost estimates ranging from \$1.1 to \$1.4 million. Board chair Karen Moore stated a meeting should be held with representatives of Bay de Noc Community College, MDOT, Delta County Conservation District, and Tom Casperson in regard to this project.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mites to Men Pond Hockey Tournament. Mr. Penegor informed the Escanaba Area Junior Hockey Association proposes a pond hockey tournament on Friday, January 30 through Sunday, February 1, 2015 on Aronson Island. He stated he believes it is the fourth year for this annual event and no additional City services are being requested. Motion by Randy Kleiman in support of this event, seconded by Todd Maki, unanimous.

2. Robert & Jeanine Dagenais Foundation Grant. Mr. Penegor informed the Civic Center has received a grant from the Robert & Jeanine Dagenais Foundation in the amount of \$500 for the Civic Center After School Program. The City is pleased to receive the grant funds which will be utilized for youth programs and equipment.

3. Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events. The Civic Center will be hosting a Christmas Carnival on Friday, December 19, 2014 from 3-6pm with games, prizes, drawings, free food and drink for youth in 4th-8th grades.

6th grade boys basketball games are scheduled for Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 20th. The Civic Center is now accepting registrations for 5th grade boys basketball. Basketball assessments for 5th grade boys will take place on Monday, December 15th from 3-4 pm and a coaches meeting to follow at 4:30pm. Games will take place beginning January, 2015.

Michigan Connections Academy will be renting space at the Civic Center from March through May, 2015 to provide testing for MEAP, ACT, and students taking on-line classes. This will generate \$4,375 in revenue.

The City will be hosting a New Year's Eve fireworks display at approximately 9pm at the Municipal Dock again this year. A pasty drop will take place at midnight.

The 30th Street cross-country trail conditions were groomed and favorable until the recent warmer weather. Work was recently performed to widen the trail in certain areas. Patrons may also now access the trail system from behind the Comfort Inn Suites off Ludington Street. New trail signage has been erected at this site.

Bittner Engineering has completed an as-built survey of the Civic Center roof. Preliminary design/construction drawings and contract documents are being drafted the week of December 15th and will be provided to the City for review by the end of the month.

Notification has been received that the City's Hannahville 2% grant application in the amount of \$51,000 for an emergency generator for the Civic Center was denied.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board Chair Karen Moore suggested contacting the City of Marquette to obtain information on the development and successes of their non-motorized pathway system.

Adjournment. With no further business, Randy Kleiman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Todd Maki seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Penegor
Recreation Director

Karen Moore, Chairperson

Date