

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2017

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. at the Ski Hill Parking Lot Area off of 19th Avenue North, Escanaba, MI 49829.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Moore, Vice Chairperson Joe Kaplan, Boardmembers Barb Chenier and Patty Woerpel

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Peterson, Recreation Director; Escanaba Volunteer Mike Segorski, Upper Hand Brewery Representatives Marley Cruz and Brandon Frisk

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmember Valarie Norman and City Council Liaison Ralph Blasier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Minutes will be tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Motorized Pathway System

Recreation Director Peterson stated she is continuing to work on various grants. The Iron Belle Application has been announced and is due by January 5, 2018, with a maximum of \$30,000.

West Side Ski Park Discussion

Recreation Director Peterson stated the west side ski park area is underutilized and can be promoted and expanded upon. The west side ski park is a priority on the Five-Year Recreation Plan. Discussed getting a plan in place with what can and cannot be done and what areas of development can be expanded upon as it relates to land type.

Discussed expanding upon the snow shoe trail, cross country ski trail, creating rustic camp sites, bird watching areas, fat tire bike trails, etc.

More discussion will take place.

Dog Park Location Discussion

Two potential sites for a dog park were reviewed that is owned and operated by the Delta County Airport and Delta County.

Upper Hand Brewery expressed an interest in the dog park as the two potential areas are located next to their building.

Pros and cons were discussed for each area. Recreation Director Kim Peterson will check on building restrictions for a shelter/gazebo to utilize for shade.

Once a location is determined, cost estimates can be done to search for funding sources.

This agenda item is deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Boardmember Chenier, seconded by Vice Chairperson Kaplan, to adjourn at 1:08 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Peterson
Recreation Director

Karen Moore, Chairperson

Date