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Public Input Information
and
Resolution of Adoption

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City wants input on recreation plan

ESCANABA — The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board will be conducting a public hearing to hear citizen comment and suggestions on city park and recreation priorities for the next five years. The public hearing, as a prerequisite for the development of the 2012-2016 Recreation Plan, is set for Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 410 Ludington St.

The Five-Year Recreation Plan will be designed to take a long-term view of the city's park and recreations facilities and programs. Rather than proceeding on a project-by-project basis, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires the city to set a long-range list of priorities and needs. The city's new Five-Year Recreation Plan for 2012-16 should represent the community's top priorities and most press-

ing needs. Citizen opinion will be the primary emphasis in defining the city's park and recreation needs and priorities over the next five years.

Escanaba residents will have three ways to register their opinions and suggestions on the direction and future park and recreation facility development and services. Citizens may appear and comment at the public hearing scheduled by

the Recreation Advisory Board for April 12. Citizens may submit written comment to: Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board, c/o Recreation Department, P.O. Box 948, Escanaba, MI 49829-0948. Citizens may also submit e-mail comments to recreation@escanaba.org.

All written/e-mail comments must contain the name and address of the individual submitting the comment.

Assault

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firearm during the commission of a felony, a two-year felony, and careless discharge of a firearm causing injury, a two-year high-court misdemeanor.

Schmurer is scheduled to be sentenced in circuit court on May 19.

Jenny Lancour, (906) 708-2021, ext. 143, jllancour@dailypress.net

Sentence

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Ryan was sentenced to nine months in jail with six months to be served now. The remaining months will be served if he violates his probation, which was set for 12 months.

Cody was sentenced to six months in jail with 90 days to be served within the next 180 days. The remaining three months of his jail term will be enforced if he violates his 24-month-long probation.

Each of the three defendants were given credit for five days served in the county jail, according to court officials.



Dionna Harris | Daily Press

Delta Airlines staff stationed at the Delta County Airport were recently awarded "Station of Year" by Delta Airlines for exceptional customer service. The award was presented to the staff Friday. Shown in back, from left, are: Lance Rath, Angela Gagnon, Heather VanBrocklin, Mindy Belmonti, Don Stephens and Leo Malloy. Shown in front, from left, are: Kayla Bourdeau, Jennifer Nelson (station manager), Kylie Bray, Janice Jackson and Lisa Haines. Delta Airlines staff member Brandi Brown was not present for the presentation.

Jet: Airport has new aircraft

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"The staff (Delta Airlines) were exceptional. They were very professional and courteous. They were very helpful for the award out-

within our region, which includes Marquette and Iron Mountain."

The award presentation was made Friday at the Delta County Airport, with executives from Delta Airlines present.

At a glance

- Delta County Airport's emplanements for March were the highest they've been since 2001.

Shutdown looms without agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government lurched toward a shutdown for the first time in 15 years Friday night as President Barack Obama and congressional leaders groped for a last-minute compromise to cut tens of billions in federal spending and end the impasse.

Republicans placed the House on standby for a late-night vote in case a decision was made to pass a stopgap bill to keep the government running for a few days to allow more time for negotiations.

The administration readied hundreds of thousands of furlough notices for federal workers and warned that federal services from national parks to tax-season help centers would be shuttered without a deal by midnight.

"We know the whole world is watching us today," said Senate Majority Leader

Planned Parenthood, abortion and the budget fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans portray Planned Parenthood as primarily focused on performing abortions and — intentionally or not — using American taxpayer dollars to do it.

Not so, say Democrats who counter that the group's 300-plus health centers nationwide provide an array of services, from screenings for cancer to testing for sexually transmitted diseases. Abortion is just one of many procedures, and the law bars Planned Parenthood from using its money for it.

In the budget showdown that threatened to partially shut the federal government Friday, House Republican Party stood Planned Parenthood Federation of America, a 90-year-old organization now part of a decades-long congressional

battle over abortion.

Republicans want any legislation keeping the government operating to bar federal dollars for Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest provider of abortions. They want to distribute the money to the states.

"The country is broke and the vast majority of Americans don't want tax dollars to take the life of unborn children," Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, chairman of Republican Study Committee, told reporters in a news conference.

Democrats say they see a radical agenda against women's health, especially poor and low-income women, and won't agree to cuts if that means shutting down the government.

"It is appalling that Republicans would hold our economic recovery hostage for a mansion of denying millions of women Pap tests, breast exams, and birth control," said Rep. Nita Lowery, D-N.Y. "It shows their top priority is not keeping our economic recovery on track — it is resolving divisive social issues."

Republican leaders say that's just not so. The question of a shutdown, they said Friday, is about a need for greater cuts in federal spending, not social issues including abortion.

Abortion nearly scuttled President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in the final hours of debate last March. A year later, the stakes are still high, the political rhetoric fierce and the claims in need of clarification.

U.N.: Ivory Coast negotiation a 'trick'

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — This week's offer by Ivory Coast strongman Laurent Gbagbo's top three generals to surrender evidently was a "trick" to buy time, the head of U.N. peacekeeping said Friday.

U.N. peacekeeping director Alain Le Roy told reporters after briefing the Security Council Friday afternoon that Gbagbo and his military men apparently used Tuesday negotiations with the U.N. as a ploy to consolidate power.

"They said they came to us to negotiate a peaceful exit and that has not happened," Le Roy said of the generals. "It is very clear that the time was used Tuesday during negotiations for Mr. Gbagbo to reinforce his position."

Reports that Gbagbo and his top military men were negotiating a surrender had raised expectations Tuesday that the four-month political standoff in the western African nation was nearing an end.

But Gbagbo later strongly

denied that he would give up, and insisted that the presidency was rightfully his.

In power for a decade, Gbagbo refuses to step aside, even though the U.N. has ruled that he lost the November presidential election to his political rival Alassane Ouattara. Ouattara remains holed up inside a hotel in the main city of Abidjan.

Acting on a recent Security Council resolution, United Nations attack helicopters on Monday bombed six arms depots in Abidjan, including a cache inside the presidential compound held by Gbagbo and his supporters.

French forces have also lent military support in Ivory Coast this week, helping rescue the Japanese ambassador and seven others on Thursday.

Le Roy said the U.N. had received requests from nearly two dozen countries as of late Friday to help rescue diplomats from embassies, including the United States, Israel and South Africa.

Escanaba

**Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board
Public Hearing on Park and Recreation Priorities**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board will be conducting a public hearing to hear citizen comment and suggestions on City park and recreation priorities for the next five-year period. This public hearing, as a prerequisite for the development of the 2012-2016 Recreation Plan, is set for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan.

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c/o Recreation Department
P.O. Box 948
Escanaba, MI 49829
- 3) Citizens may submit e-mail comments to:
recreation@escanaba.org

All written/e-mail comments must contain the name and address of the individual submitting the comment.

ESCANABA HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011: 4:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Ammel, Neil Carlson, Todd Hurley, Dave Pinozek,

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant
Patricia Baribeau, City Council Liaison

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO: Meeting minutes of January 11, 2011. Motion to approve as written by Dave Pinozek, seconded by Mark Ammel, unanimous.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Gravatt advised he was seeking to finalize the capital improvement plan for the marina, and desired further input from the board. The board concurred dredging the shoals at the harbor entrance to be of highest significance. Other capital improvements desired to be included, and in no particular order, are as follows: 1) Additional parking along Jenkins Drive, and near Pier III. Curb will be extended approximately 20' towards the bike path to create approximately 42 spaces. Board member Todd Hurley stated the two parking spaces closest to Pier III should be slightly wider spaces and identified as unloading areas, with time limitation signs posted. 2) Power and water on Pier I. Board chair, Mark Ammel stated this improvement will create additional revenue for the marina and should be a high priority. 3) Restrooms near Pier III (no showers). 4) Relocate 24' Baraga docks to the west of Pier III. Mr. Gravatt identified this would create a possible additional revenue of approximately \$16,000. 5) Replace the 24' Baraga docks with additional 30' slips and possibly some 24' slips. 6) Pavilion (exact located to be determined, near Pier III). Mr. Gravatt stated this would be ideal for boater use, fishing tournaments, weddings, members of the general public, and could possibly be rented out for additional marina revenue. 7) Relocation of the Aronson Island fishing pier to the east. Mr. Gravatt stated this pier is not currently used in its present location and would be better used if relocated. 8) Restrooms on Aronson Island. Mr. Gravatt stated this improvement is already identified in the capital improvement plan. 9) Sidewalk extension of an additional 430' from Pier III to the west along the shore creating access to the Baraga docks, once relocated. 10) Web cam at the harbor. 11) Rustic camp sites at North Shore.

2011 SEASONAL SLIP RATES

Mr. Gravatt provided the board with the 2011 Michigan Waterways Commission seasonal rates. He indicated the Waterways has given three options: 1) Increased rates; 2) Same rates as 2010; and 3) Reduced rates. Mr. Gravatt advised the marina has not been operating with a positive cash flow over the past few years. Mr. Gravatt informed, based on this information that he would be seeking to increase rates. He advised rates have not been raised in five (5) years. He informed this matter would be brought before the City Council for a decision on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00pm. Seasonal slip holders and board members will be notified via e-mail. Mr. Gravatt further informed that the transient rates have increased slightly for 2011 as well.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Ammel motioned for adjournment, seconded by Neil Carlson. The motion carried unanimously at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gravatt, Harbor Master

Mark Ammel, Chairperson

Date

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
April Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12, 2011

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boes, Todd Maki, Glenn Gregg
Karen Moore, Susan Roberts

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Penegor, Recreation Director
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant
Pete Baker, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betty Breclaw, Sally Zimmer, Bridget Bartol,
Christine Williams, Joe Kaplan, Cheryl Schmidt,
Francis Schmidt, Amber Lippold,
Glenn Vandewater, Terry Reynolds

Approval/Correction of the February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the meeting minutes from Tuesday, February 15, 2011. Pat Boes moved to approve the minutes as written. Susan Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Use of Parks and Recreational Facilities Update. Mr. Penegor advised he has had discussions with Mr. Terry VanDoren of Michigan Municipal Risk Management (MMRMA) concerning the rental of City facilities and alcohol consumption. Mr. Penegor noted there has been an increase of rentals of the pavilion by large groups for wedding receptions and family reunions. Mr. VanDoren stated rentals of the facility can be categorized by risk as low, medium, and high. Low being less than fifty (50) individuals with no alcohol consumption. Medium with more than fifty (50) individuals and no alcohol consumption. High with more than one hundred (100) individuals and alcohol consumption. For low risk, a recommendation was made to obtain an insurance certificate naming the City as an additional insured. An individual renting the facility could most often obtain this certificate under their homeowner's policy at no charge. A Waiver Agreement signed by the individual making the reservation is also recommended, transferring risk to the individual renting the facility. For medium risk, an insurance certificate and signed waiver are also recommended.

For high risk, a signed waiver and an insurance certificate with coverage naming the City as an additional insured and reflecting coverage of \$1 to \$3 million are recommended.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 5-Year Recreational Plan. City Administration and the Recreation Advisory Board requested input from the public present with regard to the development of a 5-year Recreational Plan covering the period 2012-2016. The following public comments were received.

Betty Breclaw: Suggested a bike/hike trail with a connection from Escanaba to Gladstone, skate board park, Frisbee or disc golf course, an additional ice rink in Ludington Park with evening bonfires, and implementation of the yellow bike program similar to other cities.

Sally Zimmer: Suggested a backboard at Veteran's Park and an indoor tennis court.

Christine Williams: Suggested creation of a safe pedestrian/bike path to Bay College.

Terry Reynolds: Suggested creating a bike path access from downtown to Bay College and from 30th Street to Bay College; stated that a bike path to Gladstone could be accessed behind New Page.

Marilyn Brown: Suggested bike/hike paths with a connection from Escanaba to Gladstone. Suggested elimination of lighting to the bike trail on Aronson Island due to the cost of electricity to the City and required maintenance, and also the need for darkness for various wildlife that inhabit the island. (This item was proposed and included in the current 5-year plan, but it has not been implemented yet.)

Bridgett Bartol: Suggested bike/hike paths connecting Bay College and the City of Gladstone. She stated as a representative of the local Health Department, they are willing to assist with any proposed bike/hike path projects.

The following public comments were received via e-mail and are incorporated herein:

Pat Casteel: Suggested building a bathroom at the harbor end of the park, as it would be so much more convenient for families, especially those with young children.

Susan Peterson: Offered two suggestions for expanded use of the band shell area in Ludington Park: (1) Offer family friendly evening movies in an outside setting during the summer months, with the possibility of vendors to enhance the experience; and (2) Expansion of the Wednesday band concert event by inviting concert goers to a picnic before or during the concert provided by the people, or the possibility of vendors.

Valarie Norman: Suggested lighting along the walking/bike path through Ludington Park for safety, and also along the wastewater plant (solar lighting may be an option). A splash pad in Ludington Park for kids and adults to enjoy in the summer months. Some aesthetics along the Marina area; possibly flags along the board walk and/or a nice entrance/gazebo to the marina area. More trees planted for shaded seating areas along the lake. Removal of the long grass at the beach and add more sand. A slide or two in the roped off swimming area would be nice.

Teresa Ross: Suggested a dog park which could be fairly self-sufficient whereas residents that wish to use the dog park pay a user fee and visitors pay a nominal daily fee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Escanaba Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative. Mr. Joe Kaplan gave a brief presentation regarding a proposed migratory bird enhancement project. Mr. Kaplan informed the City of Escanaba has several areas which hold great potential as stop over sites for migratory birds including Ludington Park (especially Aronson Island and Sand Point) and other lakeshore areas. In order to fully realize the potential of these areas to benefit migratory birds, the EMBEI proposes to increase the availability of food and cover to migratory birds through increasing plantings in the park areas and the removal and replacement of non-native invasive species. City Council liaison Mr. Baker informed \$3,000 has been allocated and approved for this project by the City Council on today's date. Motion by board member Todd Maki to support the Migratory Bird Enhancement Initiative to make Escanaba a more bird friendly community, seconded by Glenn Gregg, unanimous.

2. Sesquicentennial City Tree Planting. Mrs. Marilyn Brown gave a brief presentation on a City wide project to plant 150 trees and shrubs. The goal is to develop a 100-200 year plan for trees, shrubs and landscape in the City of Escanaba parks, major entrances to the City, and other appropriate locations to maximize the beauty, habitat, environmental protection, views, and vistas. Planning and contacts will involve the City, MDOT, fair grounds, schools, foresters, Scouts, and others. Possible funding sources include the City land development fund, DNR, Conservation District, grants, and donations.

3. Recreation Rates. Mr. Penegor stated he would like the board's input with regard to proposed recreation rates for summer programs, Civic Center programs, and Ludington Park facilities. Mr. Penegor stated the new rates will propose to charge everyone. He informed currently we do not charge non-profit or youth organizations. We also do not charge more to non-residents to use our facilities. Board chair Karen Moore commented the City of Gladstone implemented resident and non-resident rates approximately three years ago with a utility bill as proof of residency. Motion by Pat Boes to implement the rate schedule as proposed with resident and non-resident rates, seconded by Susan Roberts, unanimous.

4. Recreational Facilities Smoke-Free Ordinance. Mr. Penegor stated he would like input from the board with regard to the proposed Smoking Ordinance. He advised the proposed ordinance identifies smoking is prohibited within 100' of City playgrounds and City ball fields. Smoking shall be prohibited in all outdoor areas where there is a City building, including the guarded beach area, Webster pool and ice rink, and Royce ice rink. Mr. Penegor informed the prohibition on smoking shall be communicated to the public through proper signage provided by the Health Department. A person found in violation will be subject to a civil fine of \$50. Board member Pat Boes commented cigarette butt litter has been a problem at the beach for some time. Board members supported prohibition of smoking on the Civic Center grounds. Motion by Todd Maki in support of the Smoke-Free Ordinance as drafted, seconded by Susan Roberts, unanimous.

5. Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events. Mr. Penegor advised the Civic Center will host a Detroit Pistons Basketball Camp this Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 2:30-4:00pm for youth in grades K-8. The cost is \$20 and each registrant will receive a t-shirt and basketball. Trophies will be given to contest winners.

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Civic Center on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 from 12:00-6:00 pm.

The Civic Center will hold its end of the season party for youth on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 3:00-6:00pm and will officially close to youth on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Summer recreational program registration is underway for 4 & 5 soccer, 6 & 7 soccer, tennis lessons, young beginners, and learn to swim programs. Forms are also available on the City's web site.

The Spring aerobics session began April 11th and will go through June 16, 2011.

The Weight Loss Challenge program will begin at the Civic Center April 20th and is fashioned after the television program "Biggest Loser" where participants can win money for losing weight.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Pete Baker, City Council Liaison, advised all City meetings are now available to the public to view via web cast.

Adjournment. With no further business, Susan Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting and Todd Maki seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Penegor
Recreation Director

Karen Moore, Chairperson

Date

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
June Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 2011

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boes, Karen Moore, Susan Roberts

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Glenn Gregg, Todd Maki

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Penegor, Recreation Director
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant
Pete Baker, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Approval/Correction of the April 12, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the meeting minutes from Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Susan Roberts moved to approve the minutes as written. Pat Boes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recreation 5-Year Plan 2012-2016. The board reviewed the comments and suggestions made at the Public Hearing held April 12, 2011. The board made the following recommendations to incorporate into the new 5-year plan:

- A. Non-Motorized Bike Path. As funds are available, continue to add pathways with a high priority placed on a pathway connecting Escanaba to Gladstone and access to Bay College. Add bike path signage to existing and new pathways.
- B. Veteran's Park. Installation of a backboard to one of the tennis courts at Veteran's Park. Development of the vacant area on the east side of Veteran's Park (i.e. picnic tables, play equipment).
- C. Aronson Island. Elimination of lighting to the bike trail on Aronson Island, due to the cost of electricity and City maintenance, and also the need for darkness for various wildlife that inhabit the island.
- D. Indoor Tennis Facility. Develop an indoor tennis facility that may be used by the public year round. Explore the possibility that the Wells Sports Complex may have space available for development.

- E. Skate Park. Develop a skate park for youth at a central, convenient location (possibly the Civic Center).

Mr. Penegor advised that Michelle Dewitt of CUPPAD, is assisting the City in the development of the new 5-Year Plan. Ms. Dewitt is updating statistical information from the previous plan. New items will be added per board recommendations and completed projects will be removed.

2. Non-Smoking Ordinance. Mr. Penegor advised a second reading of the proposed Non-Smoking Ordinance will take place at the City Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011. A representative of the local Health Department will attend and board members are welcomed to attend as well. Mr. Penegor informed the Recreation board, Environmental and Planning Commissions have expressed support for this ordinance. However, residents polled in the Daily Press reflected 63% opposing and 37% in favor. Mr. Penegor explained factors supporting the 100' rule include second hand smoke, cigarette butt litter, and children watching adults smoking. Mr. Penegor informed current state law is no smoking within 25' of a public building.

3. Non-Motorized Pathway Update. Mr. Penegor advised two-thirds of the non-motorized pathway project at Sylvan Point is now complete. The pathway has been completed along the east side of M-35. The pathway connection to Lake Shore Drive has not yet been completed. The completed project will include bike path signage.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Escanaba School/City of Escanaba Ness Field Lease. Mr. Penegor advised the City of Escanaba has proposed a Lease between the City and the Escanaba Area Public Schools for the use of the Ness Field. The lease proposes a payment of \$2,000 per year or \$1.00 if the Escanaba Schools agrees to dissolve an existing 25-year lease for property located west of the High School. These options are to be considered by the Escanaba School Board.

2. Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events. Mr. Penegor informed the City Band Concerts at the Karas Band Shell will begin Wednesday, June 15, 2011 to be held every Wednesday through August 17th.

The Bay Area Art Association will hold a series of concerts on beginning Monday, July 11, 2011 and to be held every Monday through August 22nd.

The 6 & 7 Soccer program in Ludington Park began today, June 14th. There are 76 registered participants in this program. The 4 & 5 Soccer program registration is full with 50 participants. The program begins July 18th.

The Fourth of July fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 4th at approximately 10:20 pm. The display will be smaller than previous years, with the City spending \$10,000 in 2011 and \$14,000 in 2010. The Rotary Club of Escanaba will facilitate "Family Day in the Park" on the Fourth. Vendors in the park will be the same as previous years with the exception of

Sully's Subs. Children's games are planned as well as demonstrations by Escanaba Public Safety.

The Escanaba Municipal Beach and Webster Wading Pool opened for the season effective June 14, 2011. Four lifeguards returned from the previous year and there were four new hires.

The UP Honor Flight Fundraiser will take place in Ludington Park on July 9, 2011.

The McInnis Walk in the Park for brain tumor research fundraiser will take place in Ludington Park on July 16, 2011.

The Annual Lighthouse Run/Walk will take place in Ludington Park on July 30, 2011.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment. With no further business, Susan Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting and Pat Boes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Penegor
Recreation Director

Karen Moore, Chairperson

Date

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Leo J. Evans at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Mayor Leo J. Evans, Council Members, Walter A. "Pete" Baker, Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Brady L. Nelson.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Attorney Ralph B.K. Peterson, City Department Heads, media, and members of the public.

City Clerk Robert S. Richards gave the invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Baker moved, Nelson seconded, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2012, as submitted.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Baker moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the City Council Agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION - None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing - Citizen Participation – 2012-13 Fiscal Year Budget Preparation.

Each year, Council holds public hearings to facilitate input from its citizens for the City's next fiscal year budget. This was the second of five (5) scheduled public hearings. The next Council public hearing will be held on March 15, 2012.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing.

Council Member Nelson encouraged members to come forward to speak on any budget issues during the remaining City Budget hearings.

Public Hearing - Condemnation – 700 Ludington Street.

On January 5, 2012, the City Council set February 16, 2012 as a public hearing date on the possible condemnation and demolition of a building located at 700 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI. On February 1, 2012, the Escanaba Downtown Development Authority recommended that Council condemn the building and have it removed.

City Code Official Blaine DeGrave reviewed the property history and efforts made to bring the building up to code. Mr. DeGrave, after his presentation, requested Council declare the property a public nuisance and have the property condemned. Bids were received for the demolition, and those costs would be incurred to the City. The City would put a lien on the property for the demolition costs. It was advised the property would eventually be placed at a tax sale.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Evans asked if there was any public comment.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing.

PH-2 Nelson moved, Baker seconded, after a Public hearing was held, to condemn and demolish the building located at 700 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nelson, Baker, Baribeau, Beauchamp, Evans

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing – Five Year Recreation Plan.

Administration recommended Council approval to adopt and incorporate the updated Five Year Recreation Plan into the Escanaba Comprehensive Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources required municipalities to have an updated recreation plan every five years to remain eligible for recreation/park programs. The Recreation Advisory Board recommended Council approval on the plan.

Recreation Director Penegor briefly reviewed the Five Year Recreation Plan process.

PH-3 By Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp:

**CITY OF ESCANABA FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the Escanaba City Council has reviewed the City of Escanaba Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2012-2016 which recognizes various City recreation needs, and

WHEREAS, the Escanaba City Council is committed to the improvement and expansion of recreational opportunities in response to expressed community interests; and

WHEREAS, a five-year recreation plan is required to be eligible to apply for recreation grants administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, and

WHEREAS, after receiving public comment, the Escanaba City Council voted to adopt the City of Escanaba Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2012-2016.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Escanaba City Council hereby adopts the City of Escanaba Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2012-2016 as its official recreation planning document to be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources with copies to the Delta County Planning Commission and the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nelson, Beauchamp, Baker, Baribeau, Evans

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – National Endowment for the Arts Grant Application.

Administration sought Council approval to submit an “Our Town” grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts, in collaboration with the Bonifas Arts Center, the Bay Area Arts Association and the Esky 150 Organization.

Library Director Carolyn Stacey briefly reviewed the grant application and its different components.

NB-1 Nelson moved, Beauchamp seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to submit an “Our Town” grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts, in collaboration with the Bonifas Arts Center, the Bay Area Arts Association and the Esky 150 Organization.

Update – Power Generation/Plant Operation Options/Power Purchase – Electric Department.

City Manager O'Toole updated the City Council and public on the status of the sale of the Power Plant, the MISO “Y” proposal, and letters of interest received.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES - None

Mayor Evans reviewed vacancies on City Board and Commissions. Mayor Evans asked members of the public who were encouraged to serve, to make application to the City Clerk if they were interested.

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Members reviewed City Board and Commission meetings each attended since the last City Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

City Resident Don Racicot commented on the Sale of the Power Plant stating the previous two proposed sales did not go through. He suggested streaming the process so a sale would occur, so the City Manager and Department Heads could devote their time and efforts on other City issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Members of the public were encouraged to review the Annual City Audit which was available on the City Web Site;
- Council Members asked Department Heads to update their City Web Pages;
- City offices will be closed on Monday, but garbage pickup would remain the same.

Hearing no further public comment, the Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Leo J. Evans, Mayor



Excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Escanaba City Council held on February 16, 2012, at the Council Chambers of City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Leo J. Evans, Mayor Pro Tem Brady L. Nelson, Council Members Patricia A. Baribeau, Ronald J. Beauchamp, and Walter A. Baker
ABSENT: None

PH-3 By Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Beauchamp:

**CITY OF ESCANABA FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, the Escanaba City Council has reviewed the City of Escanaba Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2012-2016 which recognizes various City recreation needs, and

WHEREAS, the Escanaba City Council is committed to the improvement and expansion of recreational opportunities in response to expressed community interests; and

WHEREAS, a five-year recreation plan is required to be eligible to apply for recreation grants administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, and

WHEREAS, after receiving public comment, the Escanaba City Council voted to adopt the City of Escanaba Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2012-2016.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Escanaba City Council hereby adopts the City of Escanaba Five-Year Recreation Plan, 2012-2016 as its official recreation planning document to be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources with copies to the Delta County Planning Commission and the CUPPAD Regional Commission.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nelson, Beauchamp, Baker, Baribeau, Evans
Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLAIRED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF DELTA)

I the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Escanaba, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete excerpt of the Escanaba City Council Minutes of the City of Escanaba, County of Delta, Michigan, at a regular City Council Meeting held on February 19, 2012, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


Robert S. Richards, CMC, City Clerk

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Escanaba council approves rec plan

Upgrades, new parks in the works

February 17, 2012

By Jenny Lancour (jlancour@dailypress.net) , Daily Press

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ESCANABA - Ongoing maintenance projects, as well as a few new items, like more parks in the city, are included in the Escanaba recreation department's updated five-year plan adopted by city council Thursday.

Recreation Director Tom Penegor described the plan as "a wish list" of projects the department would like to accomplish in the next five years with available financing.

The plan also meets the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources and gives the city a direction for the future based on population needs, Penegor explained.

According to the document approved by council Thursday, the 2012-16 plan "is intended to build upon an existing public park/recreation system and provide a foundation for community action that improves the quality and quantity of leisure opportunities in the city of Escanaba for its citizens and visitors."

The five-member Recreation Advisory Board identified the major issues, policies and goals within the plan through past meeting minutes, public comments, and staff recommendations.

Ongoing projects for the next five years include: upgrades at the civic center such as plumbing and roof improvements, a second locker room, bathroom improvements, and energy-efficient windows and doors.

Other ongoing projects proposed for the next five years include: resurfacing of tennis and basketball courts, adding more non-motorized pathways, continuing to support the Wells Sports Complex, improving ski and walking trails, and upgrading the marina.

Plans proposed for the current year and into 2013 include concrete foundations for year-around skating at Royce and Webster parks. The public restrooms at Ludington Park were noted as needing upgrades.

Improvements are planned for Dickson Field, Lemerand Field, and the Bay Soccer Complex. Tennis courts may be resurfaced at the Royce and Ludington Park locations during 2012-13.

Park improvements will take place at city parks during the next five years. Three new parks are also proposed in the upcoming future, according to the city's recreation plan.

A playground is planned for property bounded by 3rd Avenue North and Ludington Street. A park is proposed on 3rd Avenue South at South 30th Street. A skate park is also being considered near the civic center.

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