

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Jonathan Harris, Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman, Boardmembers Joe Kaplan and Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Todd Maki

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Peterson, Recreation Director
Brooks Bougie, Recreation Office Assistant
Ralph Blasier, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Approval/Correction of the June 9, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes from Tuesday, June 9, 2015.

Chairperson Harris motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Boardmember Kaplan. Motion was approved unanimously.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Chairperson Harris wanted to have a discussion about the proposed bike path throughout the City of Escanaba.

Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Approval of Civic Center Facilities and Various Park Fees.

Recreation Director Peterson recommended no fee increases for the upcoming year. The last rate increase was in August of 2011.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Kleiman, seconded by Chairperson Harris. Motion was approved unanimously.

Tee Box for Ludington Park Disc Golf.

Recreation Director Peterson advised the board that administration is looking into the use of bricks from the Ludington Street trees, to use in the construction of 4' x 6' tee boxes at the Ludington Park Disc Golf Course, which includes nine baskets, as a recommendation from Chairperson Harris. She stated that she spoke to Public Works Superintendent/City Engineer Bill Farrell and he stated the DDA has first rights to them. Recreation Director Peterson stated the DDA will be contacted to see if they have future plans for the use of the bricks; she also mentioned that Bill Farrell was unsure on how many bricks there actually were and if there would be enough to complete the project. Recreation Director Peterson stated the project is not budgeted and an estimated cost would be compiled, but believes it would need to be a budgeted item.

The possibility of utilizing volunteers was discussed. Chairperson Harris stated that he has volunteers to construct the project.

Recreation Director Peterson stated a site plan would need to be brought to the Recreation Advisory Board, review by the Planning Commission and City Council approval as the proposed project is on City property.

This discussion will be on the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda.

Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events.

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the August activity report shows a much lower number for senior center activities, than previous months. Recreation Assistant Bougie met with the Senior Center Coordinator to confirm the monthly numbers and came up with a number that was much lower than previous months. Moving forward administration will use the number provided from the monthly totals from the Senior Center.

Recreation Director Peterson touched on the fall brochure with all the Civic Center upcoming events such as the Civic Center Open House on September 16, 2015, from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The Civic Center will officially open on September 14, 2015, for the season.

Work is being done with different groups trying to get the kitchen at the Civic Center up and running to provide a food program for the kids after school.

Proposed Bike Path Throughout the City of Escanaba.

Chairperson Harris mentioned that he recently attended a public hearing at the City of Gladstone about their bike path project. He stated they acquired \$1.8 million in grant money for the project which the City of Gladstone put up \$9,000. Construction will begin in 2017, with the route going from Gladstone McDonalds to the Terrace Bay Inn. Chairperson Harris stated that the train tracks in northtown are the City's biggest obstacle with how to get over those.

Recreation Director Peterson stated she has been in contact with Karen Moore and she wanted to set up a meeting with Rory Mattson to look for extra funding; however Mr. Mattson stated there were no funds available for this project. Recreation Director Peterson stated she resubmitted a 2% Hannahville Grant to have CUPPAD do a Delta County Non-Motorized Pathway Master Plan for the bike path connections County wide. She is hoping to receive word within the next month. Recreation Director Peterson stated in reviewing various other funding sources for grant money, the project must be in the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan with grant deadlines being in April.

The discussion of the City of Escanaba bike path will be placed on the next meeting agenda with various people being invited to participate in said discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recreation Director Peterson welcomed Brooks Bougie as the new Recreation Assistant taking over for Cheryl Syers as of August 24, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recreation Director Peterson stated City Council approved the Special Event Application for Uptoberfest to be held at the Municipal Dock on October 10th from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Kleiman, seconded by Boardmember Kaplan to adjourn the meeting with the time being 6:28 p.m. motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson
Recreation Director

Jonathan Harris, Chairperson

Date