

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jonathan Harris, Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman; Boardmembers Joe Kaplan, Todd Maki and Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Matt Marenger, Karen Moore, Terry Flower, Wendy Taavola, Mike Segorski, Mark Daavettila from U.P. Engineering

**Approval/Correction of the September 8, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes from September 8, 2015.

**Boardmember Kleiman motioned to approve the minutes as written of September 8, 2015, seconded by Chairman Harris. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Adjustments to the Agenda**

None

**Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Tee Boxes for Ludington Park Disc Golf Course**

Recreation Director Peterson stated she did talk to the DDA and they were not sure if they were going to use the bricks that were proposed to be used for the disc gold tee

boxes. Public Works Superintendent/City Engineer Bill Farrell recommended not using the bricks from Ludington Street because of the shifting of the ground, but he did give a price of \$4,000 for a colored slab of concrete. Chairman Harris stated that this issue has to be addressed sooner than later due to the planning of a disc golf tournament next year which will include over 400 participants. Recreation Director Peterson stated that the board could make a motion to put the \$4,000 dollars in the budget.

**Chairman Harris made a motion to put the \$4,000 in the budget, seconded by Boardmember Murphy-Pomeroy, the motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Harris stated that something needs to be done because of the current poor condition of the tee boxes; recommendations included the possibility of rubber mats, textured concrete and the use of the brick that was removed from Ludington Street.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of Meeting Dates for 2016**

The board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule dates for 2016.

**Vice Chairperson Kleiman made a motion to approve the meeting dates as set for 2016, seconded by Boardmember Joe Kaplan, the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **West Side Recreational Trail.**

Recreation Director Peterson introduced Mike Segorski who has been working on the west side recreational trail. Recreation Director Peterson stated that Mr. Segorski has only one small section of the snowshoe trail yet to complete, which will be completed by this year.

Mr. Segorski introduced himself and stated he is volunteering his time to make the west side recreational trail the best it can be. He stated that he spoke to Recreation Director Peterson about some of the land use of the recreational area on the west side, which presents some difficult challenges for year around use. Several areas would need to be improved in order to make the trail usable for fat tire bikes, hiking and such. He then stated that the current parking situation does not allow for year around use of the trails, he mentioned that the former ski hill area would make an ideal space for parking as well as a good launching point for the ski trail areas. Mr. Segorski mentioned currently the ski hill area is being used as a dump area which he and others removed 14 tons of trash in past years. People are dumping their waste

at the ski hill area because of the land fill hours of operation. He stated we need to back up and start from the beginning and come up with a plan on how to use and maintain the recreational area. The trail will be completed before the end of this year for the recreational trail.

Recreation Director Peterson stated the snowshoe rentals are at the Civic Center and are a big hit with being rented out frequently. Chairman Harris thanked Mr. Segorski for all his hard work and volunteer hours he has put into the trail. Recreation Director Peterson stated that there is \$2,500 in the budget for maintenance out on the trail. The City as of this year will be taking over the maintenance and grooming of the trails as they have the staff and equipment to do so. Boardmember Kaplan stated that the master plan calls for forest inventory of the land and that would be a good starting point for future development and use of the land. Recreation Director Peterson stated that this issue will be kept open for discussion for next month's Recreational Advisory Board Meeting.

### **Non-Motorized Pathway Discussion.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated the board left off with what they had discussed previously with various options, but need to know where to go and what to do from this point to move forward with a plan.

Chairman Harris mentioned that he had a meeting with Karen Moore last fall on route options, either through wells and north town or down the highway. Terry Flower stated that the drawing of the route options were drawn from the City's Engineering Office under the direction of Public Works Superintendent/City Engineer Bill Farrell. Recreation Director Peterson stated that she has a meeting set up with Bill Farley on the proposed routes for the bike path upon his return from vacation. Karen Moore stated that she had spoken with Tom Casperson on possible funding for the proposed pathway. She then brought up the suggestion of the pathway through north town and going along the lake side of the alleys off the railroad tracks behind Sheridan Road. Terry Flower mentioned that if the pathway were to go through Stephenson Avenue, one side of parking on the street would have to be removed. Boardmember Kaplan explained that the ultimate goal should be to have the pathway intended for bike use only. Recreation Director Peterson stated before anything is set in place to seek any type of funding, the Board must come up with a plan. Chairman Harris advised the Board of possibly bringing in an outside expert. Matt Marenger, owner of Mr. Bike & Ski, mentioned that he has spoken with several bikers that travel through Escanaba and the common theme with talking to everyone was flow; when the bikers come through they want a path that flows and is not taking them out of the way. Recreation Director Peterson stated that the City is still waiting to hear back from Hannahville on the 2% grant for a Delta County Wide Non-Motorized Master Plan being proposed by CUPPAD. It was then brought up that we try to schedule an informal work session for October 27<sup>th</sup>. Terry Flower said he would have no problem getting the plans together before then.

**Boardmember Maki motioned to approve the informal work session, seconded by Chairman Harris; the Board carried the motion unanimously.**

The discussion continued with many options of placement for a non-motorized path.

**Civic Center Activity Report/ Upcoming Events.**

Recreation Director Peterson stated the reason the activity report numbers were so off from last year was basically because the numbers were just being carried over from year to year and she wasn't sure how the numbers were being generated. Moving forward the activity report will reflect the actual numbers from the Civic Center Daily Activity Reports and the numbers given by the Senior Center at the end of each month. Recreation Director Peterson stated the Civic Center will be having pumpkin carving for the kids on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Daavettilla, P.E., from U.P. Engineering talked about the cost of a feasibility study and what the study would entail for the proposed pathway. He will work on putting together a cost estimate for such.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Kleiman, seconded by Boardmember Kaplan to adjourn the meeting with the time being 7:43 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson  
Recreation Director

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Jonathan Harris, Chairperson

Date