

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Board Chair E. Weingarten at 11:58 AM
2. Roll Call: Nathan Larsh, Matt Luce (Secretary), Jim Susorney, Alex Tiseo, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Leah Nygard (Vice Chair) and Sarah Bixby, Andrew McIver (Asst. Director of Community Services)
3. Approval of Agenda: On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Leah Nygard, the agenda was approved.
4. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2020: On a motion from Matt Luce and a second from Nathan Larsh, the minutes were approved.
5. Announcements: There were no announcements.
6. Presentations: There were no presentations.
7. Public Comment: There was no public comment. It is noted that the public comment process/procedure is more difficult due to the meeting being held virtually.
8. Old Business
 - a. Membership: Ellen spoke with Cary Gottlieb, former chair of Parks and Recreation Advisor Board (PRAB) and Noquemanon Trail Network (NTN) representative, regarding a potential new member. PRAB still seeking a trails representative and to fill the Marquette Area Public Schools (MAPS) representative. Alex Tiseo will look into fulfilling the MAPS position in addition to being a ball sports representative. There was a recent application for the PRAB, which is pending approval by the City.
9. New Business
 - a. Strategic Plans 2021-2023: Discussed Strategic Planning Process Commission Priorities plans presented by the City. Reviewed Mattson Park Playground and Year Round Dog Park issues that were presented in letters to the PRAB. Motion by Matt Luce and a second by Leah Nygard to approve Strategic Planning Process Commission Priorities, which passed unanimously.
10. Directors Report

- a. Grants - Staff are working on items for the grant agreement for Kids Cove. The Marquette Playgrounds For All group has launched the website kidscovemqt.com for their fundraising campaign.
- b. Project Update -
- Founders: The USACE requested additional information that GEI has provided to them. GEI is also working with Brennan out of Duluth for project details to keep the project within the budget.
 - Staff were not able to get all the plants in the ground before the snow for the Tourist Park bath house project. This should be wrapped up in the spring and staff will submit for reimbursement.
 - Staff are still working with the consultant for plans to build the new playground in the Day Use side of the Tourist Park Campground. We're still planning on a spring construction project. PRAB discussed and encouraged the new playground be universally accessible in addition to ADA compliant, which Andrew advised the City is investigating.
 - The fence is up at the Hurley playground, DPW will be doing removals as time allows. Installation will be in the spring. The net that will protect from fly balls has been purchased and DPW is working with the BLP for installation of the net in the spring.
 - Williams Park Athletic Court Renovations is in plan review with the MDNR. Staff are hoping to bid this project out in the winter and start construction in the spring.
- c. Marinas- The marinas are closed for the season.
- d. Lakeview Arena- The arena has been shut down since the new state mandated orders. A new plan was developed by staff to allow some ice rentals that would fit within the mandated orders. Discussed options of having an extended ice season on at least one rink in Lakeview Arena to make up revenue and lost time due to COVID-19 shutdowns. Andrew advised further discussion and review of facility capabilities will need to occur to ensure no damage would be caused to the subfloor. The City will look into cost and feasibility of extending the season as long as possible in coordination with Marquette Junior Hockey.
Hockeyville Updates - DPW staff are working on the lobby project during the shutdown. Additionally, staff are working on getting quotes for work on the sound systems in both rinks.
- e. Tourist Park - The campground has closed for the season and the seasonal dog park has opened as of November 1. The reservation system opened on January 4th for the 2021 season.
- f. Light House Park - No new updates currently.
- h. ORV- A final draft has been sent to the State for review and staff are hoping to have this brought to the commission early next year.
- i. Ballfields- The athletic fields are closed for the season.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Leah Nygard and a second by Jim Susorney, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Please notify amaciver@marquettmi.gov and keliassen@marquettmi.gov if you will not be attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Luce:

Matt Luce
Matt Luce, PRAB Co-Secretary

02/08/2021
Date