

**City of Marquette  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday January 12, 2026  
5:45pm  
Citizen's Forum inside Lakeview Arena**

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**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held in The Citizen's Forum inside Lakeview Arena, Marquette, MI on Monday January 12, 2026. The meeting was convened at 5:45pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Sarah Bixby, Lori Hauswirth, Amy Maus, Andrew Tripp, John Stewart, Christopher Jason, Wendy Hill Manson, Michael Potts, Todd Leigh

Absent: Jon Nebel (excused), Carole Touchinski (excused)

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Moved by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Todd Leigh to approve the agenda of the January 12, 2026 meeting.

Motioned carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Request to edit Meeting minutes for November 17, 2025 to reflect Todd Leigh as present. Edit November director's report section C Marinas to reflect date as November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:** Moved by Todd Leigh, seconded by Amy Maus to approve the minutes as edited of the November 17, 2025 meeting. Motion passed with Wendy Hill Manson abstaining.

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Other Reports:**

**PRAB Director's report January 2026**

a. Grants

- Staff are updating the Waterways Grant application to replace the piers at Cinder Pond Marina. This application is due April 15, 2026.
- Staff are evaluating funding options for a new restroom at Presque Isle Park. This restroom is required by code for the new Bandshell.

b. Project Update

- Construction of the Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area is on hold until the spring. Only a few punch list items remain.
- Presque Isle Bandshell - Construction and fundraising for the new Peg Hirvonen Bandshell is underway. \$1.94 Million has been raised so far with

- a goal of reaching \$2.2 million. Estimated completion is June 2026.
  - Cultural Trail/Center: This project is running slightly behind schedule, but additional funding has been raised to offset the deficit as well as adding items that were initially cut.
- c. Marinas:
  - Staff are monitoring ice conditions and watching for any damage. No issues so far.
- d. Lakeview Arena:
  - Zamboni issues continue to be major concern with numerous breakdowns threatening operations. One machine has been repaired to a "reliable" state but still has significant oil leaks.
  - Staffing has been another major concern as most of the staff are NMU students and they were not available over the holidays. Additionally, many of the staff are limited to 6 months, and their seasons will conclude in February and March.
  - The new Parks & Recreation Coordinator will start January 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - No updates on the potential sale of Lakeview Arena.
- e. Tourist Park:
  - The dog park has reopened after the temporary closure for storm clean up.
- f. Light House Park: No update.
- g. Ballfields: No update.
- h. Presque Isle:
  - Multiple trees fell during the blizzard at the end of December. The ones that affected roadways and utilities have been cleared, but many still remain. Additional assessments and cleanup will need to be done in the spring.

## **Unfinished Business:**

### **Marina Fiscal Policy**

- a. Marina Fiscal Policy ongoing. Jamie Glenn supplied PRAB members with an outline for discussion around how to operate and increase revenue for our marinas. (*see attached*) Topics of focus include financial sustainability, infrastructure and asset management, environmental stewardship, customer experience and services, community engagement and public use, governance and management structure, marketing and branding, long term vision and growth, operational efficiency
- b. DNR Waterways grant is the sole grant providing funding for marina upgrades. Monies from other grants would compromise stipulations in the Waterways grant. The city of Marquette is expected to match 50%.
- c. Although estimated cost has dropped from 3.2 to 2.7 million, the City of Marquette has just 2 million for capital improvements. Ongoing discussions about how to raise money for the marina include:
  - i. Millage

- ii. Municipal bonds
- iii. Increasing Marina fees

**New Business:**

Amanda Gobert will give a presentation on PRAB accomplishments, 2025 to the City Commission on February 23, 2026. Presentation draft was shared with board for edits. Suggestions made and final approval will be made at next meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

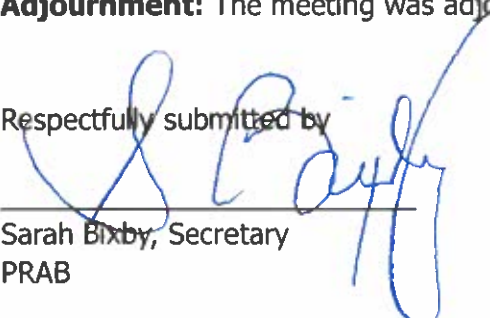
**Member Comments:**

John Stewart wishes the board a Happy New Year.

**Chair Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

  
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Sarah Bixby, Secretary  
PRAB

9 Feb 2026  
Date approved