

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, February 8, 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 12:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Matt Luce (Secretary), Jim Susorney, Alex Tiseo, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Leah Nygard (Vice Chair), Andrew McIver (Asst. Director of Community Services), Mary Rule (Marquette Lions Club), Gwen Cleary (Marquette Lions Club), Kerry McGinley (Marquette Lions Club), Bill Sanders (Sanders & Czapski Associates, PLLC), Sarah Doubleddee (Marquette Lions Club), Gretchen Preston (Marquette Lions Club). Members not present: Nathan Larsh, Sarah Bixby.
3. Approval of Agenda – On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Leah Nygard, the agenda was approved unanimously. The name of the presenters under item 6.a. was changed to *Marquette* Lions Club.
4. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2021 - On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Leah Nygard, the minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Announcements - None
6. Presentations
 - a. Marquette Lions Club – Marquette Lions Lakeside Park Presentation
Improvements to be done with financial support from the Shiras Foundation. Seeking approval of the park’s improvement plan before seeking grants and other financial support. Bill Sanders presented proposed park concept drawings, reviewed process of development, and answered questions related to the design and impact on City of Marquette public works. Concern was presented by Ellen Weingarten regarding possible funding competition with other City of Marquette grant applications and conflict with established Master Plan mandates. Mary also advised that UPHS Marquette has offered to donate a flag pole from the old hospital’s campus to replace the current park flag pole. This matter and the funding concerns will be discussed with Parks and Recreation staff at a later date. A motion of support for the Marquette Lion’s Club to continue plans to redevelop the Lakeside Park made by Leah Nygard and second from Jim Susorney passed unanimously.
7. Public Comment - None
8. Old Business

- a. Membership – Andrew advised that Tara Laase-Mckinney has been approved to join the PRAB. Alex Tiseo reported that he has been cleared to move into the MAPS representative role on the board. Andrew will find out if Alex is cleared to represent both MAPS and ballfield sports. If so, this will leave a general seat vacancy for Tara Laase-Mckinney. The remaining open position is for an NTN representative.
9. New Business
10. Directors Report
 - a. Grants - Staff are working on items for the grant agreement for Kids Cove. The Marquette Playgrounds For All group has started their fundraising campaign. Additionally, staff are preparing to submit for a Land & Water Conservation fund grant for the Day Use Access Road for Tourist Park and the Waterways Grant Program for the final parts of the Presque Isle Marina Phase III Rehabilitation.
 - 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.

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- Presque Isle Marina sustained some damage to the gangway and utilities recently. Staff are securing the docks in the meantime and repairs will happen in the spring. Staff are working with the contractor to identify how this happened and future prevention measures.
 - d. Lakeview Arena- The arena has reopened with restrictions. Plans are being developed in coordination with the user groups to extend the ice season into May. At this time both sheets will be open into April, and plan is to have the Olson Arena sheet open through May.
 - 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 this year.

i. Ballfields- The athletic fields are closed for the season.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Matt Luce and second by Leah Nygard, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Matt Luce:

Matt Luce
Matt Luce, PRAB Co-Secretary

03/15/2021
Date