

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, March 15th, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ellen Weingarten at 5:33 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Matt Luce (Secretary), Jim Susorney, Nathan Larsh, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Andrew McIver (Asst. Director of Community Services). Members not present: Sarah Bixby, Alex Tiseo, Leah Nygard (Vice Chair).
3. Approval of Agenda – On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Nathan Larsh, the agenda was approved unanimously. Request made by Ellen Weingarten to add a topic on a connector path on Wright St. between Presque Isle Ave. and Lakeshore Blvd, which was added.
4. Approval of Minutes – On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Matt Luce, the minutes from February 8th, 2021 were approved unanimously.
5. Announcements – None.
6. Presentations – None.
7. Public Comment – None.
8. Old Business
 - a. Membership – Board still needing to fill a vacancy for a Noquemanon Trail Network representative.
9. New Business
 - a. Dog Park – City continues to investigate possible locations and funding for development of an off-leash dog park within the city limits. Discussed possible locations within city limits, and looked at other municipalities existing dog parks as examples of potential options. PRAB may look to collaborate with neighboring municipalities on a location, or private organizations on funding.
 - b. Connector Path on Wright St. between Presque Isle Ave. and Lakeshore Blvd. – Discussed the lack of a designated pedestrian/bike path along Wright St. between Presque Isle Ave. and Lakeshore Blvd. Andrew will discuss the matter with City officials and look at possibilities.
10. Directors Report

- a. Grants update - Staff are awaiting a draft grant agreement from the State for Kids Cove. A request for proposals for design services was released in the meantime and we received two proposals. Staff will have to work with the state and submit some information about the proposals before selecting a firm. Staff are also working on a Waterways Grant Program for the final parts of the Presque Isle Marina Phase III Rehabilitation.
- b. Project Update
 - 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 plans and bid specs have been approved by the State. A request for proposals for construction services has been released and bids will be opened on March 17th.
- c. Marina update - The ice has damaged utilities and the gangway at Presque Isle Marina that will require significant repairs this spring. Staff have already contacted the contractor for repairs.
- d. Lakeview Arena/Hockeyville - The arena has reopened with restrictions. The ice season has also been extended into late May/early June to accommodate the lost tie during the shutdown. Staff are also working on getting quotes to replace the Russell Arena dasher board system.
Hockeyville Update- The lobby is nearly complete and staff are still looking into to potentially updating the sound systems if the budget allows.
- e. Tourist Park - Staff are preparing to open the campground in May.
- f. Lighthouse Park - No new updates currently.
- g. Founders Landing Pilings Re-use - The USACE has granted a temporary permit and GEI is working on design alternates to meet the requirements and budget needs for the project. A waiver has also been filed to allow construction to begin in May.
- 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 Jim Susorney, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Matt Luce:

Matt Luce

Matt Luce, PRAB Co-Secretary

04/19/2021

Date