

City Of Marquette

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Monday March 17th, 2025 5:45pm

Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena 401 E. Fair Ave

1. Call to Order at 5:46 pm
2. Roll Call: Present—Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Jon Nebel, Christopher Jason, Michael Potts, Sarah Bixby, Wendy Hill Manson, Amy Maus, Lori Hauswirth; Not present—Todd Leigh (vice chair), Andrew Tripp (excused), Carole Touchinski, John Stewart (excused), (excused), Daniel LaBar
3. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve agenda made by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Christopher Jason; motion approved unanimously
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Amy Maus, seconded by Micheal Potts, motion passes
5. Announcements:
 - a. Community Reference manual procedure for PRAB is in the works to be created
 - b. Seasonal Road through Presque Isle closed
 - c. Salamander crossing
6. Public Comment:
 - a. None
7. Presentation
 - a. None
8. Old Business
 - a. Time Capsule
 - i. Todd Leigh put out a packet with suggested
 - ii. Local media were invited and were in attendance in meeting
 - iii. Amanda Gobert will work with local media after the March meeting to gain press to put work out to the public.
 - iv. Container dimensions are 4 ft x 2 ft x 16 in deep
 - v. Donations to the time capsule will be solicited from the public and will be able to be dropped off at the Parks office in Lakeview Arena starting immediately. To drop off items just walk into the Parks office.
 - vi. Deadline set for drop off of items June 13th .
9. New Business:
 - a. Cinder Pond Marina Waterways Grant Application
 - i. This is the city's first time applying for this grant. If the grant is awarded there is a goal to have the project completed by spring or fall of 2026. If weather is good, plans to complete the project to not interrupt the 2026 boating season.
 - ii. Motion was made to support city applying for the grant by Wendy Hill Manson, seconded by Sarah Bixby. Motion passed
10. Director's Report
 - a. Grants
 - i. MDNR grant applications are due April 1st, 2025. Staff will be submitting an application to the Waterways Program to replace the Cinder Pond Marina piers and utilities.
 - b. Project Update
 - i. Kids Cove: Staff are submitting for final reimbursement from the MDNR Trust Fund.

- ii. The Tourist Park Day-Use Playground is nearly complete. Staff have started the reimbursement process and a ribbon cutting will be held in the spring.
 - iii. The Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area are currently being designed by City Engineers. Staff are hopeful to start construction in the summer of 2025.
 - iv. Presque Isle Bandshell – Fundraising for the new Peg Hirvonen Bandshell is underway. \$1,351,971 has been raised so far with a goal of reaching \$2.1 million. Requests for construction bids have also been released. This project is anticipated to start as soon as weather allows.
 - v. Cultural Trail/Center: The Land Use Plan for the Cultural Trail and bid package for the new Cultural Center is nearly complete.
- c. Marinas:
- i. Both marinas and the Founders Landing floating piers have sustained ice damage this winter. Staff are confident that repairs can be made before May 1st.
 - ii. Slip renewal packets have been mailed out and boat launch passes will begin as soon as the weather allows.
- d. Lakeview Arena: The Russell Arena ice will be removed on March 24th and the Olson Arena ice will remain through the end of May. The first Special Event in Lakeview is the KIBC Powwow April 18th-20th.
- e. Tourist Park: Staff are preparing to reopen the campground on May 23rd, or earlier if weather and construction allows. DPW will be adding parking near the tent area to make up for the parking that was lost in the playground project.
- f. Light House Park: Staff have reconsidered prioritizing the Lighthouse Park at this time due to limited funding opportunities.
- g. Ballfields: The athletic fields are still closed for the season and staff will monitor conditions in April. Staff must remind the public to stay off the fields until the turf comes out of dormancy to prevent damage.
- h. Presque Isle: Multiple calls reported for “objects or person in water.” All turned out to be buoys. No other issues to report at this time.
11. Public Comment
- a. None
12. Board Member Comment
- a. Lori Hauswirth asked about e-bikes on bike paths. Currently in the city of Marquette we do not allow e-bikes on unpaved roads. This is difficult to enforce. There should be a discussion and policy setting that will run through this board. Lori suggested speed zones, lining on paths. Lori said insurance on trails does not cover electric skateboards on the trails.
 - b. Amy Maus and Lori Hauswirth suggested adding it to the new business. Andrew will talk to the city manager's attention. Christopher Jason asked how other communities are dealing with it.
13. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn made at 6:32 PM by Chris Jason; seconded by Amy Maus . Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Hill Manson



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4-21-28

Date