

City Of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday March 20, 2023 5:30pm
Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena 401 E. Fair Ave

1. Call to Order at 5:32pm
2. Roll Call: Present—Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Lori Hauswirth, Sarah Bixby, Jamie Glenn; Not present—Alex Tiseo, Caden Cahill
3. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve agenda made by Sarah Bixby, seconded by Lori Hauswirth. Motion unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2023
 - a. Motion made to approve minutes as presented by Lori Hauswirth, seconded by Sarah Bixby: Motion unanimously approved
5. Announcements:
 - a. No announcements
6. Presentation:
 - a. None
7. Public Comment
 - a. Andy Buckmaster—Marquette Little League
 - i. Speaking in support of the improvements to the Kaufman Sports Complex. Stated that Marquette Little League has been working on funding for improvements, and that they have the manpower to begin basic changes as soon as the project is approved.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Membership
 - i. Suggestions for possible options to recruit new members:
 1. Organizations that actively use the locations we cover (i.e. Little League, Youth Soccer)
 2. Local Business owners who may have a vested interest to maintain and improve—as those things could/would help their businesses.
 3. NMU students/grads who live within the city and use the park system for recreation.
 4. Working with Connect Marquette
9. New Business:
 - a. Little League Kaufmann Improvements
 - i. Fields are currently non-conforming idea is to bring them up to little league standard. The proposal would also add an additional soccer field and improved parking, with the addition of concessions and upgraded accessible restrooms as time/funding becomes available.
 1. Funding is currently being explored via grants by Marquette Little League
 2. Project is currently in concept phase.
 - ii. Motion presented by Lori Hauswirth to support City to work with Little League on their plan. Motion seconded by Jamie Glenn. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Arts and Culture Words to Live By
 - i. Project to renew the words/murals painted along the Holly Greer Bike Path
 - ii. Motion by Sarah Bixby to support application to be made public and to support plan. Motion seconded by Jamie Glenn. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Field 1 Renaming to Edward “Eddie” Voet Field

- i. Proposal to rename field 1 at the at the John "Jack" Reynolds Athletic Field Complex in honor of Edward "Eddie" Voet, for all his contributions over many years to youth baseball.
- ii. Motion made by Sarah Bixby to support renaming field. Motion seconded by Jamie Glenn. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Director's Report

a. Grants

- i. LWCF: Tourist Park Day Use Access Road and Parking Area—Final approvals needed by the National Park Service. Awaiting a final determination from SHPO for no adverse effect in the project area.
- ii. The Spark Grant application for the downtown trailhead has failed. Staff are working with the Superior Watershed Partnership for a second application.

b. Project Update

- i. Staff are waiting on the DNR to approve final plans for the Kids Cove and Tourist Park Playground projects. Once approved, RFP's will be released for construction.
- ii. Replacement of the parking lot at Presque Isle Marina is anticipated to start in the spring.
- iii. Founders Landing Piers are complete. The boardwalk will need to be replaced and is currently gated off. This project will be completed in the spring and ribbon cutting will be scheduled then.

c. Marinas

- i. The Marinas will open May 1, 2023. Letters to boaters for slip renewals are being sent out.

d. Lakeview Arena

- i. The ice season will be extended through April on the Russell. Ice will be installed in July on the Olson while the Berry undergoes renovations.

e. Tourist Park

- i. Reservations opened January 3rd and the campground will open May 19th.

f. Light House Park

- i. Staff are working on plans to renovate the USCG Station House for general rental use.

g. Ballfields

- i. Staff are working with user groups for scheduling fields for the season. Staff will be discussing maintenance and projects with baseball user groups this summer.

11. Adjournment

a. Board comments

- i. Thanks to NMU Students who attended the meeting tonight as a class assignment. Invited them to return to join our meetings in the future.

- b. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm made by Lori Hauswirth and seconded by Jamie Glenn; motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gobert



Amanda Gobert

5-15-23

Date of Approval