

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena

1. Call to Order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call Ellen Weingarten, (Chair) Andrew MacIver (Assistant Director of Community Services), Tara Laase-McKinney, Nathan Larsh, Jim Susorney, and Alex Tiseo. Not present Sarah Bixby)
3. Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve with the addition of community member rolls. Jim move to approve, Nathan Second. Unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2022 Motion to approve minutes – Nathan, second Jim. Unanimously approved
5. Announcements
 - a. Amanda Gobert is in attendance and will be joining the board as Jr. Hockey Representatives.
6. Presentations
 - a. No presentations
7. Public Comment
8. Old Business
 - a. Recreational Vendors on Public Grounds
 - i. Andrew presented the group with a rough copy of “Guidelines for Requests & Use of City Parks for Recreational Business” policy. The group will review and discuss at the next meeting.
 - b. Multi-Use Path Safety
 - i. Discussion of ebike/battery powered recreational vehicles on paved city trails, providing signage/educational campaigns.
9. New Business
 - a. New community member rolls-
 - i. Tara Laase-McKinney will be interim secretary until Amanda Gobert is on the board. Vice-chair will be Jim Susorney. Motion to approve Tara Laase-McKinney as interim secretary and Jim Susorney as Vice-Chair made by Nathan Larsh, seconded by Alex Tiseo. Unanimously approved.
10. Directors Report
 - a. Grants
 - i. Marquette Playgrounds for All is still fundraising and has nearly reached their goal.
 1. Design is still ongoing with anticipated construction in summer 2022.
 - ii. Staff are evaluating repairs for the Presque Isle Marina docks with the contractor and will be paid for with an insurance claim. Once repairs are completed, plans will be developed for a new anchoring system and staff will try to amend the grant agreement with the MDNR Waterways to assess making the changes.
 - iii. Grant applications for the Land & Water Conservation Fund, Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area and the Recreational Passport, Lions Lakeside Park Renovation were submitted successfully.
 - b. Project Update

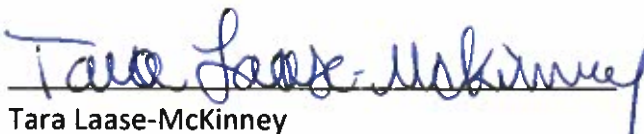
- i. Founders: Construction is on hold until the spring. Anticipated completion is early summer 2022
- ii. The Tourist Park Day Use Playground is in design and construction is expected to start in the spring.
- iii. Hurley Playground: The playground and paving are complete. Site remediation and planting will take place in the spring.
- iv. Williams Park: Staff will be confirming the schedule with the contractor for the final steps to complete this project. A ribbon cutting will be held at some point later this spring.

- c. Marina Update- No updates?
- d. Lakeview Arena/Hockeyville- The ice is out for the season and staff are preparing for the dry floor event season. The area is currently hosting baseball and soccer until the fields open.
- e. Tourist Park- the Campground will open May 20th. Staff are still working on resolving issues with the new reservation system and assisting people with their reservations. Additionally, staff are working on preparing for the Camp Cannabis event that is tentatively scheduled for October.
- f. Lighthouse Park- The Captain's House is being renovated and is expected to be complete sometime this spring.
- g. Founders Landing Piling Re-use- no updates
- h. ORV- The State has sent the agreement back with more edits. No timeline on when this will go to the Commission
- i. Ballfields- Staff will start inspecting the fields daily. A determination on field opening is dependent on the weather.

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. made by Alex Tiseo, seconded by Jim Susourney

Respectfully submitted by Tara Laase-McKinney:


Tara Laase-McKinney


Date