

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, April 19, 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 5:37 p.m
2. Roll Call - Matt Luce (Secretary), Nathan Larsh, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Sarah Bixby, Andrew McIver (Asst. Director of Community Services). Members not present: Alex Tiseo, Leah Nygard (Vice Chair), Jim Susorney.
3. Approval of Agenda - On a motion from Matt Luce and second from Sarah Bixby the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes –On a motion from Sarah Bixby and second from Matt Luce, the minutes from March 15th, 2021, were approved unanimously.
5. Announcements – The Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Police Department to educate the public on locations where dogs are allowed and not allowed, as well as appropriate conduct and picking up after them.
6. Presentations – None
7. Public Comment - None
8. Old Business
 - a. Membership – A possible Noquemanon Trail Network representative has been identified but the application process has not yet been completed.
 - b. Dog Park – To be discussed further at future meetings.
9. New Business
 - a. NTN Bike Park at Tourist Park - 906 Adventure Team has done fundraising for a pump track/bike park at Tourist Park. The area in the woods is marked with flags and the NTN will take this project over. On a motion by Ellen Weingarten and second by Nathan Larsh, the board unanimously supported the continuance of this project and for the City to establish an agreement with NTN.
 - b. Proposed Name Change of North Sports Complex - An updated letter and additional support from the Baseball Community for the renaming of the North Ballfields to the Jack Reynolds Fields was received. Vicki Contois and Chris Reynolds provided comment on supporting the change of the North Ballfields Complex to the Jack Reynolds Fields. Chris and Vicki stated they feel it would

be a good way to honor a long-standing member of the local baseball community and former Marquette City worker who managed the fields. Vicki advised the George Haley field received that name from Jack Reynolds to honor a former player who passed away from cancer and they would like the name for that field to remain. Vicki advised funding for the signage and project would be done privately through fundraisers. On a motion by Ellen Weingarten and second by Matt Luce, the board unanimously supported that the proposed name change be approved by the City Commission.

- c. Lions Lakeside Park Project Approval - Mary Rule has sent a letter requesting the amendment to the Master Plan, but our grant coordinator confirmed this may not be necessary if the project meets the goals as set by the Master Plan. We have determined that this project does meet the goals of the Master Plan, however, the City would need to be involved for the project and application. The Lions Club and their consultant will still be responsible for the grant application and project leg work, but the City will need to facilitate public input, a grant resolution, and assist in the bidding process so they can meet the requirements. We will essentially need PRAB to re-approve this project, but with the City facilitating the process. After some discussion, the board agreed that more information on the granting process should be obtained. Andrew will consult with the City's grants coordinator.

10. Directors Report

a. Grants - Staff are awaiting a draft grant agreement from the State for Kids Cove. Sanders & Czapski were selected for engineering and design for the Kids Cove project. Staff have submitted an application for the Waterways Grant Program for the final parts of the Presque Isle Marina Phase III Rehabilitation.

b. Project Update -

Founders: Staff are working on an agreement for construction services. Work is scheduled to begin in May or June.

The Tourist Park Bath House Project should be wrapped up this spring. Staff will submit for a reimbursement this summer.

Staff are still working with the consultant for plans to build the new playground in the Day Use side of the Tourist Park Campground. Construction is scheduled for later this summer.

The protective netting for the Hurley Playground has been installed. Additional netting may be needed due to the height of the poles. Installation of the play equipment will start sometime this spring/early summer.

Staff have selected a contractor for the Williams Park Athletic Court Renovations. This project is over budget and staff are waiting on potential funding from the American

Recovery Act to help offset the high costs of construction. Construction is set to begin as soon as funding is secured, and agreement is reached.

d. Lakeview Arena- The arena is open with restriction still. The ice season has been extended until June to accommodate the delayed season and the high demand for ice time later this spring.

Hockeyville Update- The lobby is nearly complete, and staff are still looking into potentially updating the sound systems if the budget allows.

e. Tourist Park - Staff are preparing to open the campground on May 21.

f. Lighthouse 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 being prepared to open sometime later in April or early May depending on the weather.

11. Adjournment - There being no further business, on a motion by Matt Luce and second by Nathan Larsh, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Luce:


Matt Luce, PRAB Co- Secretary

10/18/21
Date

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signed
Approved 5-17-21