

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21, 2021 5:30 p.m.

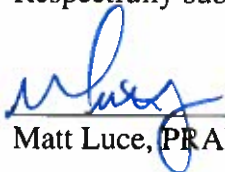
1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ellen Weingarten at 5:38 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Matt Luce (Secretary), Nathan Larsh, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Sarah Bixby, Jim Susorney, Tara Laase-McKinney, and Andrew MacIver (Asst. Director of Community Services). Members not present: Alex Tiseo, Leah Nygard (Vice Chair).
3. Approval of Agenda – The date was corrected for the May meeting under item 4. on the agenda. On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Matt Luce the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes – There were 3 errors corrected on the May 17th minutes: correction Susorney and Bonsall spelling and the addition of “meeting minutes” added to the document header. On a motion from Nathan Larsh and second from Jim Susorney, the minutes from May 17th, 2021, were approved unanimously.
5. Announcements – None
6. Presentations – None
7. Public Comment - None
8. Old Business
 - a. Membership – A possible Noquemanon Trail Network representative has been sent the PRAB application.
 - b. Dog Park – Andrew noted that there are no updates or formal recommendations to date. He visited dog park in Grand Rapids which is volunteer run and nicely appointed. He will be discussing further with Jon Swenson, while allowing time for the new leadership positions to get acquainted with their jobs.
 - c. Lions Lakeside Park Project Approval – The project grant application for next round will not affect grant access for the department. It will require a small amount of time and resources. On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Matt Luce the board unanimously agreed to support the Lions Lakeside Park Project.
9. New Business
 - a. City Presentation – The board reviewed the annual Parks and Recreation presentation to the City Commission.
 - b. E-Bikes – After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed that the City should implement a set of baseline rules for the use of e-bikes and other motorized units (scooters, skate boards) and launch an educational campaign to educate path users on etiquette and safety. The group also discussed the implementation of safety measures (painted lines on the path and mirrors) to improve user safety. Andrew will engage public safety, public works and City leadership on these fronts.

10. Directors Report

- a. Grants - A Grant Agreement for Kids Cove has been executed and sent to the State. Sanders & Czapski are working on preliminary designs with the Marquette Playgrounds For All. A Waterways Grant application for the final parts of Phase III Presque Isle Marina Rehabilitation has been submitted. Results of the application should come in October.
- b. Project Update -
 - Founders: A construction contract has been signed with JF Brennan and construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks.
 - Kids Cove: The consultant is working with staff and the Marquette Playgrounds For All group on preliminary designs. Construction is expected to begin in early 2022.
 - Tourist Park Bath House renovations and additions are complete. Staff will submit for 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.
 - Hurley Playground: Additional netting has been installed and the site work has started. Playground equipment will be installed over the next few weeks. An additional RFP was released to repave the basketball court and paint the court mural. No bids were received initially, and this will be rebid.
 - Williams Park: Construction has begun on the athletic courts at Williams. This project is expected to go through August.
 - Rink Systems visited Lakeview Arena for preliminary design of the new dasher boards in the Russell Arena.
- d. Lakeview Arena- The ice in the Olson Arena will be coming out at the end of June. No plans for any indoor events as of now. The Kiwanis Chicken BBQ was last weekend in the back parking lot only. 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 - The campground has opened, and revenues are already trending higher.
- f. Light House Park - No new updates currently.
- h. ORV- The State has sent the agreement back with more edits. No timeline on when this will go to the Commission.
- i. Ballfields- The athletic fields are open for the season.

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 meeting will be held in person at the Citizens Forum room in Lakeview Arena on July 19th, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Matt Luce, PRAB Secretary

10/18/21
Date