

**City of Marquette  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Monday July 21, 2025  
5:45pm  
Citizen's Forum inside Lakeview Arena**

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**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held in The Citizen's Forum inside Lakeview Arena, Marquette, MI on Monday July 21, 2025. The meeting was convened at 5:65pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Andrew Tripp, John Steward, Lori Hauswirth, Christopher Jason, Wendy Hill-Manson, Amy Maus, Jon Nebel, Sarah Bixby, Carole Touchinski, Daniel LaBar

Absent: Todd Leigh (excused), Michael Potts (excused)

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Moved by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Christopher Jason to approve the agenda of the July 21, 2025 meeting. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by Amy Maus, seconded by Daniel LaBar to approve the minutes as edited of the May 19, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Andrew Tripp to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:** PRAB members who are up for renewal need to make decision as to whether they are going to renew. City Clerk will send information on how to renew prior to next meeting

**Public Comments:** None

**Other Reports:**

PRAB Director's report July 2025

a. Grants

- Staff are submitting for final reimbursement for the Tourist Park Day-Use Playground. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled for early August.

b. Project Update

- The Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area have been designed and bid requests are being reviewed. Construction is expected to start in August, and this project will not affect Hiawatha or GUTS.
- Presque Isle Bandshell Fundraising for the new Peg Hirvonen Bandshell is underway. \$1,559,722 has been raised so far with a goal of reaching \$2.2 million.

Miron Construction has started construction.

- Cultural Trail/Center: Premeau Construction has been awarded the contract for the Cultural Center, and they have started construction.

c. Marinas:

- Pier 1 at Cinder Pond Marina sustained minor damage in seiche that occurred in late June. The pier has twisted, and it appears the ballast is saturating. Staff will monitor this pier throughout the season and take action if needed. Additionally, the diesel pump has failed and required a "band aid" fix to maintain service. Staff have determined that the pumps must be replaced, and we are working with a vendor to get this done.

d. Lakeview Arena:

- The Olson Arena ice was scheduled to be installed in mid-August. However, a major user group decided to move all their ice to the Berry and the City could not financially justify putting the ice in. Both the Russell and Olson ice will be installed after Labor Day.
- No updates on the potential sale of Lakeview Arena.
- Events at Lakeview Arena:
  - o Past events, KBIC Pow Wow, Cherry Creek Family Dance, Superiorland Ski Swap, and UPW Marquette Mania Wrestling, Juneteenth Celebration, UPCHS Community Resource Fair.
  - o Upcoming events: Vets Fishing Day 8/1-8/2, Ore to Shore 8/8-8/9, Derby Bout 8/23

e. Tourist Park:

- Hiawatha Music Festival is 7/18-7/20, and GUTS Frisbee is 8/2-8/3

f. Light House Park: No update.

g. Ballfields: No update.

h. Presque Isle: The stairs to the breakwater have been replaced in collaboration with the Superior Watershed Partnership.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

a. E-bike Task Force Appointments

- i. The following PRAB members Volunteered; Lori Hauswirth, Jamie Glenn, Andrew Tripp, alternate volunteer Carole Touchinski
- ii. PRAB committee members discussed concerns with task force, safety, ways of monitoring, speed limit, signs on bike path, safety training,
- iii. Other non PRAB members on E-bike task force with police officers are Nikki Bates, Carey Gottlieb, Grant Combs

b. Marina Fiscal Policy

- i. PRAB was asked to consider supporting a request for a raise in rates and a future fiscal policy for the marinas.
- ii. Marina raises rates 10% for first 4 years then 6% after that every year

- iii. 2027 will be the year the marina at the cinder pond will be replaced
- iv. Transient slip fees will follow waterways grant programs. These will increase as well with their rate scale.
- v. Marina is funded by state 50%
- vi. Marina has been operating in the red for many years. The current proposed plan would potentially have the marina operating in the positive by the year 2047.
- vii. Carole Touchinski made a motion that the user groups be given the opportunity to be informed and give public comment to the PRAB. It is also requested PRAB be given more information from the city on Marina costs and revenue as well as planned improvements (projected estimated annual expenses) before providing a recommendation to the city for the rate increases. Please provide information in accessible format. Amy Maus seconded the motion.

C. Memorial at Marina for Brian Bocklund in the Marina.

- i. Motion was made by Carole Touchinski and was seconded by Lori Hauswirth to support a memorial. Motion passed, Daniel LaBar and Sarah Bixby abstained.

**Public Comment:** None

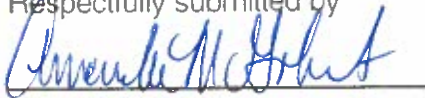
**Member Comments:**

- a. September meeting may be at Presque Isle park
- b. Working on updates to fit strip (Fix wet areas and update single track)

**Chair Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

Respectfully submitted by



September 15, 2025