

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ellen Weingarten at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call - Matt Luce (Secretary), Jim Susorney, Nathan Larsh, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Andrew McIver (Asst. Director of Community Services), Tara Laase-McKinney, Drew Stackhouse, Marquette Mountain Resort, and Ben Ryan, Parasail Co. Members not present: Sarah Bixby, Alex Tiseo, Leah Nygard (Vice Chair).
3. Approval of Agenda - On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Matt Luce, the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes – On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Tara Laase-McKinney, the minutes July 19, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.
5. Announcements - None
6. Presentations - None
7. Public Comment - None
8. Old Business
 - a. Recreation Vendors on Public Grounds – PRAB reviewing ideas to develop license application process/policy for allowing private vendors to operate on public property. City considering either Drew Stackhouse, Marquette Mountain Resort, and Ben Ryan, Parasail Co., presented as representatives for potential vendors. Mr. Stackhouse presented as a potential kayak tour vendor, Mr. Ryan as a potential parasail vendor. Each discussed possible use of city property for their ventures and how agreements with the City would make the businesses viable. Andrew McIver outlined possible ways the City could consider vendors, including discussion on differences between Request for Proposal and License Application processes and benefits. Motion of support for City staff to begin developing a policy and Request for Proposal procedure for recreational vendors using public dinner passed unanimously.
 - b. Dog Park – No new information at this time and does not appear one will be developed this year; therefore, topic will be tabled.
 - c. E-Bikes – Reviewed previous discussion, current City Police stance, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources opinion. Discussed possible

concerns and the need for policy as well as education for bikers, motorists, and pedestrians. Motion of support to allow Class 1 E-Bike use on NTN trails within city limits with the understanding that the City does not have a policy in place on E-bike use on its designated bike trails passed unanimously.

9. New Business – None

10. Directors Report

a. Grants

- The grant agreement for Kids Cove has been executed with the State. Staff and the Marquette Playgrounds for All are working together on the design with Sanders & Czapski. MPFA has also begun fundraising for the project.
- The Waterways Grant application for Presque Isle Marina was successful. Staff are waiting on a grant agreement and solicit bids for design services this summer.
- Staff are planning on submitting for a grant to construct the Tourist Park Day Use road through the DNR Land & Water Conservation Fund.
- Staff are working on plans to coordinate with the Lions Club to submit a grant application for the Lions Park improvements through the DNR Passport Fund.

b. Project Update

- Founders: Construction on the Founders Landing Piers has begun. The Bike Path has been rerouted along Front St from US 41 to Spring St for the duration of this project. The Founders Boardwalk is also closed during the construction. Completion not likely until 2022. Discussed closure of the bike path in area, which is also due to the construction of Two Marquette Place. Bike path will likely remain closed for a while as the project has moved slower than expected.
- 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.
- 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: Playground equipment is being installed by our DPW. Replacement of the basketball court and the court mural project may be delayed until spring of 2022.
- Williams Park: Construction has begun on the athletic courts at Williams. This project is expected to go through August.
- Rink Systems will be delivering the new dasher boards for the Russell Arena in August. DPW will install the boards prior to the ice install in late September.

d. Lakeview Arena- Ore to Shore is August 13th & 14th at Lakeview Arena.

e. Tourist Park - The campground has been busier than most summers and the revenues are expected to exceed our budget.

f. Light House Park - Staff will begin working on plans to update the captain's residence to start a source of revenue for the park.

h. ORV- The State has sent the agreement back with more edits. No timeline on when this will go to the Commission.

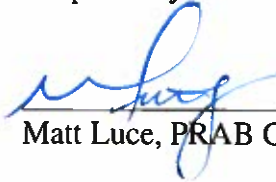
i. Ballfields- The athletic fields are open for the season.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, on a motion by Ellen Weingarten and second by Jim Susorney, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Please notify amaciver@marquette.edu and keliassen@marquette.edu if you will not be attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Luce:



Matt Luce, PRAB Co-Secretary

10/18/21
Date