

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

**Monday September 15, 2025  
5:45pm  
Citizen's Forum inside Lakeview Arena**

---

**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 September 15, 2025. The meeting was convened at 5:45pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Amanda Gobert (chair), Todd Leigh (vice chair), Andrew Maciver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Andrew Tripp, Christopher Jason, Amy Maus, Jon Nebel, Carole Touchinski, Wendy Hill-Manson, Lori Hauswirth, John Stewart

Absent: Michael Potts (excused)

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Moved by Carole Touchinski, seconded by Andrew Tripp to approve the agenda of the September 15, 2025 meeting.

Motioned carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Edits to August 18, 2025 minutes-minor edits to words not corrected by electronic spell check. Updated John Stewart's absence to excused in the minutes. Motion made for approval of corrected minutes by Wendy Hill-Manson, seconded by Carole Touchinski—Motion carried unanimously

July edited minutes were presented with requested corrections. Motion made by for approval of corrected minutes Amy Maus, seconded by Jamie Glenn—Motion carried unanimously

**Announcements:**

Marina Fiscal Policy—Discussion to resume in October. We will receive information for review, and will be carrying out the discussion over the winter months to have a policy to present in the spring.

Board and Committee Orientation on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm

**Public Comments:**

None

## Other Reports:

### E-bike Task Force Committee Report

Committee has been meeting with a variety of user groups and interested parties within in the community to gather input. There is also a survey available on the City of Marquette website for the public input.

Issues seem to be centering around education and signage. It has been noted that tickets have been issued to users who violate rules/laws in place.

Some small signs have begun appearing on the bike paths. It was questioned as to who was responsible for those signs.

### PRAB September 2025 Director's Report

#### a. Grants

- Final reimbursements for Kids Cove and the Tourist Park Playground have been submitted.

#### b. Project Update

- Construction on the Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area has begun. This is expected to be wrapped up in November.
- Presque Isle Bandshell - Construction and fundraising for the new Peg Hirvonen Bandshell is underway. \$1.88 Million has been raised so far with a goal of reaching \$2.2 million. Estimated completion is June 2026.
- Cultural Trail/Center: Construction is on schedule with only a few surprises so far. Additional donors have pledged money for some scope items in the project.

#### c. Marinas:

- The new fuel pumps have been installed and these will be reused when the piers are replaced.
- The marinas will close on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### d. Lakeview Arena:

- The ice is being installed at Lakeview with the first date for rentals on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- No updates on the potential sale of Lakeview Arena.

#### e. Tourist Park:

- The campground will close on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The seasonal dog park will start on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

f. Light House Park: No update.

g. Ballfields: No update.

#### h. Presque Isle:

- Staff are hoping to have the Land Use Plan for the developed area of Presque Isle Park in the next budget. If the proposed budget is adopted, staff anticipate this plan would start right away in the winter with meetings with PRAB.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Member Comments:**

- Jamie Glenn will share Marqtran feedback survey with group, and encourages us to share it with others
- Carol Touchinski noted that tour season at the Lighthouse will be coming to a close, and the "Haunted Lighthouse" event takes place October 9-11
- Lori Hauswirth mentioned storage structure at Fitstrip, and that there is trail work to encourage multi-use

**Chair Comments:**

Thanks to everyone for the hard work and time that is dedicated to the work of the Parks and Rec Board by all members

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully submitted by



Sarah Bixby

PRAB

10-20-25  
Date approved