

City Of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday September 16, 2024 5:30pm
Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena 401 E. Fair Ave

1. Call to Order at 5:33pm
2. Roll Call: Present—Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn (vice chair), John Stewart, Jon Nebel, Andrew Tripp, Lori Hauswirth, Sarah Bixby, Amy Maus, Dannel LeBar, Christopher Jason, Michael Potts, Todd Leigh, Wendy Hill-Manson; Not present—Cadin Cahill, Wallace Pearson (excused), Carole Touchinski (excused)
3. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve agenda made by Jaime Glenn, seconded by Sarah Bixby; motion approved unanimously
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Motion made to approve meeting minutes from August 19, 2024 PRAB meeting made by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Andrew Tripp; motion passed unanimously
 - b. Motion made to approve meeting minutes from July 9, 2024 HAC meeting made by Mike Potts, seconded by Christopher Jason; motion passed unanimously
 - c. Minutes for PIPAC meeting from June 12, 2024 will be reviewed next meeting, due to meetings being incomplete.
5. Announcements:
 - a. No announcements
6. Presentation:
 - a. None
7. Public Comment
 - a. None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Master Plan Update
 - i. Rough draft is in process, review processing beginning
 1. Copy of most recent document included in packet; green sections are new additions, yellow are to be edited
 - ii. Moving into Phase II, which is analysis and implementation process
 - iii. Most current draft will be emailed to the committee and Andres MacIver will solicit input to continue to make edits and present at the next meeting
 - iv. Items of major discussion:
 1. Parking situations at Presque Isle Park and ways to potentially assist/solve the problem
 2. Concession Opportunity at Presque Isle Park?
 3. Bussing systems accessing the park system in Marquette
9. New Business:
 - a. Kids Cove Naming
 - i. Proposal to name the “new” (updated) park Kids Cove II, A Playground for ALL
 1. Emphasis is placed on “ALL” for inclusion
 2. Playground is helping to set tone for others in the UP as a whole.
 - ii. Motion for recommendation to approve name made by Amy Maus, seconded by Jamie Glenn; motion passed
 - b. Member Introductions and Board Operations
 - i. All members introduced themselves, stated what group they were originally a part of, and what their goals for the “new” group are.
 - ii. Discussion of elections for positions on board.

1. Nominations and election for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to be made at the next meeting.
- iii. Andrew MacIver reviewed updated Standards for City-Appointed Boards, Committees and Authorities.
 1. Stressed the attendance policy—if member will miss a meeting for an excusable reason, it is their responsibility to notify the appropriate people to get excused.

10. Director's Report

- a. Grants
 - i. LWCF: Tourist Park Day Use Access Road and Parking Area has been approved by the National Park Service. The City will need to sign a grand agreement and then start the design process.
- b. Project Update
 - i. Kids Cove: The project is nearly complete, and a ribbon cutting will be announced soon. Invitations will be sent to all members for the ribbon cutting.
 - ii. Construction of the Tourist Park Day-Use Playground is nearly complete. Completion of this project is expected to be in later October
 - iii. Presque Isle Bandshell-AWH Architects have completed conceptual drawings. A structural analysis and cost estimate are being fine tuned as the Marquette City Band is preparing to launch a fund-raising campaign.
- c. Marinas:
 - i. Both marinas are set to close on November 1st and requests for winter storage have also started. Staff are also working the MDNR Waterways Commission to petition the requirement for transient slips at Presque Isle Marina. This will free up 4 slips for seasonal usage and help increase revenues for the marinas
- d. Lakeview Arena:
 - i. Both ice sheets have been installed for the season. Staffing has been a major issue as we did not have some employees return as expected. This is further complicated because any new staff requires a significant amount of training to operate the ice resurfer, but we cannot train people until we have ice.
- e. Tourist Park:
 - i. The campground will close on October 13th. This has been another record year for capacity and revenues. The seasonal off-leash dog park will open November 1st.
- f. Light House Park:
 - i. No updates at this time.
- g. Ballfields:
 - i. The fields will remain open through October or as the weather allows. Some of the soccer groups will be at Kaufman through November if possible. Marquette Little League will continue their work at Kaufman over the winter and they will be looking to secure grant funding for the next phases of the project.

11. Public Comment

- a. Alice Reynolds
 - i. Support of naming Kids Cove based on recommendations received.

12. Board Member Comment

- a. Lori Hauswirth
 - i. Would like more updates on projects we have approved recommendations for, such as the art trails.
- b. Todd Leigh
 - i. Interpretive signage suggestion
- c. John Stewart
 - i. Kayak safety signage and the ability to include other types of personal watercraft.
- d. Suggestion to have director's report include community happenings/events

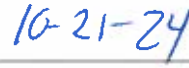
13. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made at 6:43pm by Jamie Glenn; seconded by John Stewart. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gobert



Amanda Gobert



Date of Approval