

City Of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday October 16, 2023 5:30pm
Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena 401 E. Fair Ave

1. Call to Order at 5:38pm
2. Roll Call: Present—Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Lori Hauswirth, Sarah Bixby, Jamie Glenn, Cadin Cahill, Andrew Tripp (late arrival); Not present—Alex Tiseo, John Stewart
3. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motion to approve agenda made by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Lori Hauswirth. Motion unanimously approved
4. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2023 and September 18, 2023 (No quorum)
 - a. Motion made to approve minutes as presented by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Cadin Cahill: Motion unanimously approved
5. Announcements:
 - a. No announcements
6. Presentation:
 - a. None
7. Public Comment
 - a. None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Membership
 - i. Waiting on final policy from City to determine procedure to address members who miss large amount of meetings
 - ii. Working with Marquette Junior Hockey on filling their representative spot on the board.
 - b. E-Bikes
 - i. PRAB will work with the Traffic advisory committee and Marquette PD to help come up with plans for additional signage, safety procedures and enforcement.
 - ii. We will meet with these groups to discuss and review our discussion at a later date.
9. New Business:
 - a. Bandshell renovation/reconstruction and naming
 - i. Hirvonen Foundation has put forth a bid for financing to assist with construction of a new bandshell,
 - ii. Pledge of \$100000 in funds to help.
 - iii. Additional \$900000 pledged pending implementation and completion of project.
 - iv. Requesting the naming of bandshell “Peg Hirvonen Bandshell,” in honor of Peg and her longstanding contribution and dedication to the City band and their performances at the bandshell
 - v. Motion to support naming by Lori Hauswirth, seconded by Sarah Bixby. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Meeting calendar for 2024
 - i. It was decided to change our meeting calendar to meeting every other month for 2024, to allow for more productive agendas and fewer cancelled meetings.
 - ii. Reserve the right to call “special meetings” in the event of an urgent agenda item that will not wait until the next scheduled meeting.
 - iii. New calendar will begin with the January 2024 meeting.

10. Director's Report

a. Grants

- i. LWCF: Tourist Park Day Use Access Road and Parking Area – Final approvals needed by National Park Service. Staff are working on a course of action with a Cultural Resources Consultant to finish an archaeological survey for SHPO
- ii. Staff were notified that the City was successful in the MEDC RAP grant and Spark grant for the new downtown trailhead for the cultural trail as well as the remodeling of the old LSCP building and Lions Park. Staff will need to sign the grant agreement and hire a design consultant.
- iii. Staff submitted an application for the community center grant that was released by the state in July
- iv. Plans to replace Cinder Pond Marina are underway. Staff will be looking to apply for grant funding through the Michigan Waterways program.

b. Project Update

- i. Demolition of Kids Cove is complete. The contractor is working on grades and utilities
- ii. The Tourist Park Day-Use Playground will be sent back out for bids this fall. This project will begin in the spring of 2024 and will wrap up later in the summer.

c. Marinas

- i. Both marinas and the mooring field are full with waiting lists. The marinas have seen record revenue this year and will close on November 1st.

d. Lakeview Arena

- i. Both sheets are in at Lakeview and ice demand is exceeding expectations. The Berry Events Center remodel is still behind schedule, but ice will be available in late October. Additionally, the Negaunee ice rink is also down causing extra demand on Lakeview

e. Tourist Park

- i. The campground has closed for the season.

f. Light House Park

- i. No updates from the previous meeting

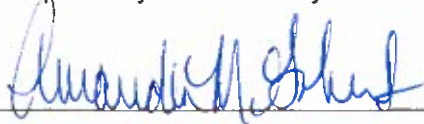
g. Athletic Fields

- i. The baseball fields have closed for the season and the soccer fields will be open as long as the weather permits. We still have MSHS and travel soccer on the fields through the fall.

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made at 6:31pm by Sarah Bixby; seconded by Jamie Glenn. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gobert



Amanda Gobert

December 11, 2023

Date of Approval