

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

**Monday October 20,
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 October 20, 2025. The meeting was convened at 5:46pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Jon Nebel,
Sarah Bixby, Wendy Hill Manson, Andrew Tripp, Micheal Potts, John Stewart

Absent: Amy Maus, Christopher Jason, (excused) Carole Touchinski (excused), Lori Hauswirth

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Todd Leigh to approve the agenda of the October 20, 2025 meeting.

Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Edits to September 15, 2025 minutes-edit attendance to reflect Todd Leigh as absent. Motion made for approval of corrected minutes by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Sarah Bixby—Motion carried, Todd Leigh abstained.

Announcements:

None

Public Comments:

None

Other Reports:

E-Bike Task force Committee Representative report: Andrew Tripp (Vice Chair of E-bike task force) They are still meeting and discussing recommendations for city commission before Christmas, saw presentation from high school leaders that surveyed students, met with DDA, Travel Marquette, - looking at Media blasts to share with city residents

PRAB Director's Report October 2025

a. Grants

- No updates.

b. Project Update

- Construction on the Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area is on-going. This is expected to be wrapped up in November.
- Presque Isle Bandshell – Construction and fundraising for the new Peg Hirvonen Bandshell is underway. \$1.92 Million has been raised so far with a goal of reaching \$2.2 million. Estimated completion is June 2026.
- Cultural Trail/Center: This project is running slightly behind schedule, but additional funding has been raised to offset the deficit as well as adding items that were initially cut.

c. Marinas:

- The marinas will close on November 1st.

d. Lakeview Arena:

- Zamboni issues have been a major concern as only one machine is currently operational. Staff are working on making repairs.
- Unexpected turnover of staff has led to shortages. Management has stepped in to assist with operations.
- No updates on the potential sale of Lakeview Arena.

e. Tourist Park:

- The campground will close on October 19th.
- The seasonal dog park will start when construction is completed.

f. Light House Park: No update.

g. Ballfields: No update.

h. Presque Isle:

- The Land Use Plan was cut from this year's budget. Staff are evaluating options for constructing a new restroom at the park as required by the County. Staff will propose the Land Use Plan for the next fiscal year.

**Unfinished
Business:**

- a. Marina Fiscal policy- Andrew and board will discuss it for 30 minutes and discussion will continue in future committee meetings so that the public can join and give input.
- b. Andrew went through questions he received. Can only work with waterways grants. Marinas are public but gates are locked at night to protect boater property. The boating community brought 1 million dollars. Waiting for clarification if the marinas can be sold. Grants with DNR can be affected if sold. Construction, Covid, and inflation have caused fiscal issues. Self-sufficiency is preferred over grants as Grant compliance causes many hours reporting requirements. Both marinas pay depreciation, broken down to an annual cost. The city is proposing a fee increase for slip holders of 10% this fiscal year and 15 % for the next 4 years after that.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

Member Comments:

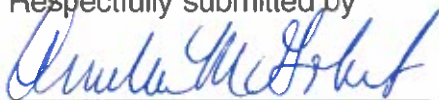
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Chair Comments:

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted by



Wendy Hill-Manson
PRAB



Date approved