

City Of Marquette

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Monday October 21, 2024 5:30pm

Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena 401 E. Fair Ave

1. Call to Order at 5:31pm
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, Carole Touchinski, Danniell LeBar, Christopher Jason, Michael Potts, Todd Leigh, Wendy Hill-Manson; Not present—Cadin Cahill, Wallace Pearson, Amy Maus (excused)
3. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. Motion to approve agenda made by Jaime Glenn, seconded by Carole Touchinski; motion approved unanimously
4. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Minutes for PIPAC meeting from June 12, 2024 will be reviewed next meeting, due to minutes not being present in packet.
  - b. Motion to approve September 16, 2024 PRAB minutes made by Jaime Glenn, seconded by Sarah Bixby; motion approved unanimously
5. Announcements:
  - a. No announcements
6. Presentation:
  - a. None
7. Public Comment
  - a. None
8. Old Business:
  - a. Master Plan Update
    - i. Looking for clarity on the language of “no new parks” and yet wanting “additional park types”
      1. Potentially clarify that new park ideas would be investigated on existing property/park state
    - ii. Addressing bike path and safety issues along it.
    - iii. Is there actually a plan for a fieldhouse?
      1. Potential for feasibility study
    - iv. Is there any option to use building at end of Hewitt Street as office space for lifeguards?
      1. Currently being used as storage.
    - v. Wendy Hill-Manson proposed that the group divide the entire document into sections for a more thorough review. Seconded by Todd Leigh.
      1. Todd volunteered to put together a google spreadsheet for us all to log our issues with the sections assigned.
      2. Deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup> was set, to be submitted to Andrew MacIver for update before PRAB November meeting.
9. New Business:
  - a. Elections
    - i. Chairperson: Amanda Gobert has accepted nomination to remain as chair; membership voted to retain
    - ii. Vice-Chair: Todd Leigh has accepted nomination to serve as vice-chair, membership voted to approve.
    - iii. Secretary: No member was willing to take on task as sole individual. Sarah Bixby, Carole Touchinski, and Wendy Hill-Manson accepted nomination as co-secretaries; membership voted to approve.

1. Ladies will work out among themselves who will handle minutes for each meeting.

#### 10. Director's Report

##### a. Grants

- i. LWCF: The grant agreement for the Tourist Park Day Use Access Road and Parking Area has been signed. Staff will be working with the City's Engineering staff to design the new road and parking lot.

##### b. Project Update

- i. Kids Cove: The playground is complete, and staff will begin working on the reimbursement from the DNR Trust Fund.
- ii. The Tourist Park Day-Use Playground is nearly complete. Site work and landscaping will be wrapped up by the end of the month. Public Works will assist in closing the road near the playground to create a bike path for the last scope item for this grant project.
- 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.
- iv. Cultural Trail/Center: Arts & Culture are working on the Land Use Plan for the Cultural Trail sites that will need approvals from the Planning Commission, PRAB, and the City Commission. A&C staff will also be presenting to PRAB at the next meeting with updates on the Cultural Trail as well as conceptual designs for Cultural Center.

##### c. Marinas:

- i. Both marinas are set to close on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff are preparing to submit a Waterways Grant Application in the spring to replace the piers at Cinder Pond Marina. Additionally, staff are working on a petition to the Michigan Waterways Commission to eliminate the requirement for transient slips at Presque Isle Marina to help increase revenues and provide more seasonal slips.

##### d. Lakeview Arena:

- i. The ice season is underway, and staffing has improved. Recently, there have been some thefts in the locker rooms and staff will be working with Marquette Junior Hockey to provide additional security and warn users to lock up belongings.

##### e. Tourist Park:

- i. The campground is closed for the season. The off-leash dog park will open November 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### f. Light House Park:

- i. No updates at this time.

##### g. Ballfields:

- i. The fields are starting to close for the season. There will be some soccer that will play as long as the weather allows.

##### h. Presque Isle:

- i. The warm weather, fall colors, and recent aurora activity has drawn a large amount of people to the park recently. No incidents to pass along at this time.

#### 11. Public Comment

- a. None

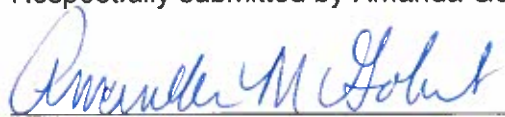
#### 12. Board Member Comment

- a. Todd Leigh—Still working on signage for personal watercraft. Signs are here—just need to be installed
- b. Carole Touchinski—Playground equipment at Presque Isle Park is ancient.
  - i. Discussion on how Kids Cove project evolved from Presque Isle to Mattson park and about possible options/

#### 13. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made at 6:36pm by Jamie Glenn; seconded by Carole Touchinski.  
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Gobert



11-18-24

Amanda Gobert

Date of Approval