

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

Monday November 17, 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 November 17, 2025. The meeting was convened at 5:45pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Jon Nebel, Sarah Bixby, Lori Hauswirth, Amy Maus, Andrew Tripp, John Stewart, Christopher Jason, Carol Touchinski

Absent: Wendy Hill Manson (excused), Michael Potts (excused)

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Carol Touchinski, seconded by Jamie Glenn to approve the agenda of the November 17, 2025 meeting.

Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Request to edit Meeting minutes for October 20, 2025 to reflect Amy Maus's absence as excused.

Motion: Moved by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Lori Hauswirth to approve the minutes as edited of the October 20, 2025 meeting. Motion passed with Amy Maus and Christopher Jason abstaining.

Announcements: None

Public Comments: None

Other Reports:

E-Bike Task Force Committee Representatives Report

Report given by Lori Hauswirth and Andrew Tripp. Task Force is in the final stages of recommendations to go to the City Commission in early December. Recommendations will be in the form of a presentation. Focal areas are infrastructure and policy. Much progress has been made in a short amount of time. Infrastructure includes physical improvements such as bike paths and parking and policy. Policy is guided in part by statewide policy. The Task Force is recommending a strong focus on user behavior - a careless and reckless behavior clause will be implemented e.g., cell phone usage prohibited while operating an e-bike. The Task Force is also recommending a strong educational component including near peer mentors to educate MAPS students, info hubs/kiosks, and a volunteer ambassador program. Other recommendations include:

- bike paths open to all classes of e-bikes without posted speed limit due to difficulty in tracking and enforcing (some e-bikes do not have a speedometer)

- a center line on paths
- no e-bikes on sidewalks within the city unless it is a school route

Amy Maus suggests that one of the recommendations be a timeline for implementing accepted recommendations in order to make and meet an infrastructure deadline, suggested before July 4th.

PRAB Director's report November 2025

- a. Grants
 - No updates.
- b. Project Update
 - Construction on the Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area is nearly complete. The recent snow did set us back a few days and the dog park will open as soon as heavy equipment is off the site.
 - 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 closed on November 1st.
- d. Lakeview Arena:
 - Zamboni issues continue to be major concern with numerous breakdowns threatening operations. Staff are looking into a rental as well as a used machine.
 - The Parks & Recreation Coordinator has resigned as well as our Parks & Rec Laborer. The Assistant Director has taken over the bulk of these duties, including operations, training, and more. A new laborer has been hired but will require training. The Coordinator position is hoping to be filled in late December.
 - No updates on the potential sale of Lakeview Arena.
- e. Tourist Park:
 - The campground closed on October 19th.
- f. Light House Park: No update.
- g. Ballfields: No update.
- h. Presque Isle:
 - No updates

Unfinished Business:

Marina Fiscal Policy - tabled until December. Chair tasks PRAB members with "homework" to come up with viable fiscal recommendations

New Business:

Meeting Calendar - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 2026 Meeting Calendar reviewed. December date moved from December 21st to December 14th due to Christmas Holiday. Motion: Moved by Carol Touchinski, seconded by Jamie Glenn to approve the 2026 PRAB meeting calendar as amended.

Public Comment: None

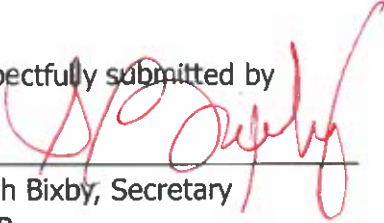
Member Comments:

Lori Hauswirth says storage shed almost complete. Highly recommends NMU Construction Management class is an excellent resource for building projects

Chair Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm

Respectfully submitted by



Sarah Bixby, Secretary
PRAB

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Date approved