

City of Marquette
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Citizens Forum at Lakeview Arena

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Ellen Weingarten at 5:29 p.m.
2. Roll Call – Matt Luce (Secretary), Jim Susorney, Ellen Weingarten (Chair), Andrew McIver (Asst. Director of Community Services), Tara Laase-McKinney, Nathan Larsh. Not present: Sarah Bixby, Alex Tiseo, Leah Nygard (Vice Chair).
3. Approval of Agenda – On a motion from Nathan Larsh and second from Matt Luce, the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes – August 16th, 2021- On a motion from Jim Susorney and second from Tara Laase-McKinney, the minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.
5. Announcements - None
6. Presentations – None
7. Public Comment – None
8. Old Business
 - a. Recreation Vendors on Public Grounds – No general recreation vendor policy or RFP in place at this time, though the city continues to evaluate the best possible approval process and a draft may be ready in spring 2022. An RFP for kayak rentals will be put out in coming weeks.
9. New Business
 - a. Commission Presentation - Presentation to occur February 28, 2022. Reviewed the presentation and provided input on changes.
10. Directors Report
 - a. Grants

Marquette Playgrounds for All has begun fundraising for the Kids Cove project. Project and donation information is on the website - www.kidscovemqt.com
The MDNR Waterways grant agreement for the Presque Isle Marina Phase III was signed and the City will solicit engineering services later this winter.

b. Project Update

Founders: The rocks and pilings are mostly in place now. Construction will be stopped in the winter months and resume in the spring once the ice and snow are gone.

Kids Cove: The consultant is working with staff and the Marquette Playgrounds For All group on preliminary designs. Construction is expected to begin in early 2022.

The Tourist Park Day Use Playground is in design and construction is expected to start in the spring.

Hurley Playground: The playground and paving are complete. Site remediation and planting will take place in the spring.

Williams Park: Construction is complete aside from grass planting in the spring. A ribbon cutting will take place in the spring.

d. Lakeview Arena- The ice season is in full swing. No delays or concerns currently.

e. Tourist Park - The campground is closed for the season. Staff are working on replacing the reservation software that was discontinued.

f. Light House Park - No new updates currently.

h. ORV- The State has sent the agreement back with more edits. No timeline on when this will go to the Commission.

i. Ballfields- No report. Closed for the season.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, on a motion by Nathan Larsh and second by Jim Susorney, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Please notify amaciver@marquettemi.gov and keliassen@marquettemi.gov if you will not be attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Luce:


Matt Luce, PRAB Co-Secretary

1/10/22
Date