

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

**Monday July 20, 2026
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 July 20, 2026. The meeting was convened at 5:45pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Amanda Gobert (chair), Andrew MacIver (city liaison), Jamie Glenn, Jon Nebel, Andrew Tripp, Christopher Jason, Amy Maus

Absent: Sarah Bixby (unexcused), John Stewart (unexcused), Carole Touchinski (excused), Michael Potts (excused), Todd Leigh (vice chair) (excused), Wendy Hill Manson (excused)

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Jamie Glenn, seconded by Amy Maus to approve the agenda of the July 20, 2026, meeting.

Motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Amy Maus, seconded by Jamie Glenn to approve the minutes for the June 15, 2026, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements: None

Presentations: None

Public Comments:

Greg Moore - Marquette resident

Member of Superiorland Pickleball attending meeting to discuss the need for dedicated pickleball courts in Marquette. The organization would like to partner with the City to find space and coordinate the fundraising effort to support the building of 6-12 dedicated courts. He recognizes the need for the space to meet certain requirements, such as proximity to residential housing, and the need for regular court maintenance. Pending the project coming to fruition, Superiorland Pickleball asks only to be able to have dedicated times reserved for their group activities, and the remainder would be open to the general public.

Other Reports:

PRAB Director's July 2026

a. Grants

- The Waterways Grant agreement was approved by the Commission. Staff will begin a request for proposals for engineering and design services.
- Staff are evaluating funding options for a new restroom at Presque Isle Park. This restroom is required by code for the new Bandshell.

b. Project Update

- Construction of the Tourist Park Day-Use Access Road and Parking Area is complete. Staff have started the reimbursement process.
- Cultural Trail/Center: Construction is moving along and Arts & Culture staff are hopeful of being in the space later this summer.

c. Marinas:

- No operational issues to report. A boat sank in its slip at Cinder Pond on July 3rd. The boat was promptly removed and all pollution was contained.

d. Lakeview Arena:

- The summer event season has been slower than expected. The KPOP Golden show was cancelled due to licensing issues with Netflix. Staff are using the time to complete necessary maintenance.

e. Tourist Park:

- No issues to report. Staff and upcoming events are adapting to the new Day-Use space.

f. Light House Park: No update.

g. Ballfields: No update.

h. Presque Isle:

- Staff are aware of parking and congestions issues, especially at Blackrocks.

Unfinished Business:

Unpermitted Private Events:

An example of a sign to be posted, with the cove area of Presque Isle Park, was presented to the board. Discussion was mostly surrounding the idea of not having too many signs, and then the accessibility factors.

Motion: Amy Maus motioned, seconded by Jamie Glenn, to approve the design of the sign and forward to the City to manufacture and post.

New Business:**Pickleball Courts**

- Looking for location for 6-12 pickleball courts within the City. Site would need to include water source, accessible parking, and be a distance from residential property to avoid noise complaints.
- Possible options include Cliff Dow site, Fit Strip, and Pioneer Road
- Superiorland Pickleball has agreed to do fundraising for the project, pending a viable location can be secured.
- Areas outside of city limits have also been considered (Chocolay Township has offered space), but distance and city partnership are deterring factors.
- PRAB will continue to visit the possibility of locations, as this was a high priority on the master plan.

Public Comment: None

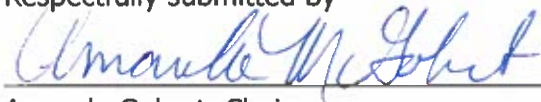
Member Comments:

- Jamie Glenn requested that the grass be cut at Mattson Park in time for the anniversary celebration of the ADA on July 30th.
- Amy Maus mentioned the topic of greater accessibility at Mattson Park.

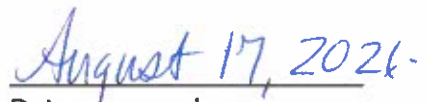
Chair Comments: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. Meeting was briefly stopped in the middle to evacuate the room for tornado shelter. No business was conducted during the stoppage.

Respectfully submitted by



Amanda Gobert, Chair
PRAB



Date approved