

**ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Karen Moore, Vice Chairperson Randy Kleiman, Boardmembers Joe Kaplan and Valarie Norman

**BOARDMEMBERS EXCUSED:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kim Peterson, Recreation Director; Brooks Bougie, Recreation Assistant

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** N/A

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

N/A

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2016**

A motion was made by Boardmember Norman, seconded by Vice Chairperson Kleiman, to approve the meeting minutes of December 20, 2016.

**APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

N/A

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

N/A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Non-Motorized Pathway System**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that in recent discussions at looking at the non-motorized pathway system from Bay College to north city limits, there has been a meeting with MDOT and they are on board with the connection. Different access points were discussed and the collective conclusion was that the best access point would be the west side of the highway. She further stated that the plan now is to go for some grants including the DNR Trust Fund grant, MDOT TAP grant, the Iron Bell grant and the Hannahville 2% grant. In talking with the various representatives of the grants the conclusion was made that the project would start in 2019 with funding being awarded in 2018. The City will pursue all four of the grants. The initial cost estimates for the west side of the highway came in at \$275,000; Peterson then explained the current path structure and also stated that MDOT would like the city to

assist Wells Township in how to direct people from the Buck Inn going through Wells Township on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to direct off the highway. She then explained that the City would assist with signage and painting the line for the path in areas if necessary. The City is currently waiting for a design from Bay College as they are assisting with the project and will be contributing financially. The City Engineering Department will be designing the non-motorized pathway and incorporating Bay College's design and obtaining cost estimates. The City will proceed with all the public hearing in the fall of this year. This will allow time to go after grant opportunities.

Proposed non-motorized pathway structure – west side of US-2 from Danforth Road to the north City of Escanaba limit. Small section of pathway on the east side of US-2 from 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to the Danforth Road intersection, a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of US-2 and Danforth Road, signage along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Wells Township connecting to Sheridan Road, and access points to the front and back of Bay College.

### **2017 Bid Review**

The board reviewed bids for sanitation, concession and fireworks for the 2017 season. The sanitation bid is recommended to be awarded to Stenberg Brothers with pricing increasing approximately \$350 from last year. The concession bid is recommended to be awarded to Sticky Fingers; Sticky Fingers has been down at the park for well over ten years and has a good grasp on what sells well and what does not. It is the recommendation of the board and administration to allow Sticky Fingers to sell goods down by the beach house area as well since there were no other proposals for such area. The firework bid for 2017 is recommended to award to Wolverine Fireworks once again. The budget for fireworks this year has been cut from \$10,000 to \$8,000; however Wolverine has agreed to credit the city \$250 worth of fireworks due to last year's shortage of damaged fireworks from New Year's Eve. The extra \$2,000 dollars will be raised through private donations.

### **William Bonifas Center Art Display at the Ludington Park Pavilion**

Recreation Director Peterson explained that the Bonifas Art Center would like to display six posters of replicated paintings from teens at the Ludington Park Pavilion to make it more inviting to the community. This was discussed with the board and the general consensus was that this would be a great idea, but there was a concern of vandalism. The board was in agreement that this would be a great idea but would like the Bonifas Art Center to come show the art that would be displayed and the display of such at an upcoming meeting of the board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Project Updates:**

##### **A) Civic Center Usage Update/Program and Activity Update**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that she would email the monthly Civic Center activity report for February as soon as it became available.

**B) Dog Park**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the dog park is still on the table and various areas are being looked at to include the airport and the Civic Center property. The dog park would be constructed from donations or grant awards. The dog park was also incorporated into the Five-Year Recreation Plan and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

**C) Skate Park**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that there has been no change in the planning for a skate park within the City. It however has been added to the Five-Year Recreation Plan and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan which allows the city to seek funding for the project.

**D) Various**

Boardmember Norman touched on the Winter Festival held at the Village in the Fairgrounds on February 18th. The festival was fairly well received but do to the warm weather some of the scheduled events could not take place. But all in all it was a great event for families and in the future there will be more planning into the event each year.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

N/A

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

N/A

**MISCELLANEOUS**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairperson Kleiman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chairperson Moore, meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Peterson  
Recreation Director

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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Date