

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
April Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Kleiman, Todd Maki, Karen Moore,
Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Harris

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Penegor, Recreation Director
Cheryl Syers, Recreation Office Assistant
Ralph Blasier, City Council Liaison

PUBLIC PRESENT: Kim Peterson
Mish Watersports Representatives

Approval/Correction of the March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Randy Kleiman motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Todd Maki, unanimous.

Adjustments to the Agenda

New Business: 4. Request for proposal for Beach House/Summer Equipment

Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Non-Motorized Bike Path Update.** Mr. Penegor distributed to the board for informational purposes excerpts of recent minutes from the MDNR concerning the development of bike paths. Board chair Karen Moore suggested a meeting with City DPW to create a larger map of the City limits and to develop a route from the north City limits to Ludington Park with a focus on lake routes.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Delta County Wide Non-Motorized Trail Master Plan Concept.** Mr. Penegor informed UPCAP will be conducting a county wide study of existing non-motorized paths which includes bike paths, walking trails, horse trails, and snowmobile trails. The information gathered will identify proposed connector trails, as well as obstacles that could impede trail development. This information will assist in prioritization and the grant application process.

2. Iron Belle Trail Update. Mr. Penegor provided an informational handout that may coincide with our plan. He stated the biking trail is 774 miles, with 64% existing trail, and 35% yet to be developed.

3. Civic Center Activity Report/Upcoming Events. Mr. Penegor informed the Pathways annual Mix and Mingle dance event will be held at the Civic Center on April 20th with approximately 300 expected to attend.

The Civic Center roof bid opening will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The project is anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2015.

The Ludington Park Passport Recreation Grant project to install 6' ADA sidewalks connecting the pavilion, restrooms, tennis court and basketball court are to begin April 20th with an anticipated completion date of May 9th.

The Civic Center will begin summer hours of 7:30am-4:00pm effective May 4, 2015.

4. RFP for Beach House/Summer Equipment. Kim Peterson presented the board with a concept for a request for proposal to provide various kayak and paddleboard equipment for rent to the public from the Escanaba Municipal Beach House. The successful bidder would be required to provide \$1 million liability insurance and would be responsible for their own equipment to be stored in available space within the beach house. Representatives from local Mish Watersports were present and provided the board with an informational handout regarding equipment rental fees. Motion by Todd Maki in support of a request for proposal to provide summer equipment, seconded by Maggie Murphy-Pomeroy, unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

Adjournment. With no further business, Randy Kleiman motioned to adjourn the meeting and Todd Maki seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Penegor
Recreation Director

Karen Moore, Chairperson

Date