

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

The Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Patty Woerpel, Vice Chairperson Jesse Herman, Boardmembers Rhonda Waters and Jennifer Gylock

OTHERS PRESENT: Recreation Director Kim Peterson (called in), Recreation Assistant Brooks Bougie, City Council Liaison Karen Moore and Shirley Gollach

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – N/A

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A motion was made by Boardmember Gylock, seconded by Vice Chairperson Herman, to approve the meeting minutes for September 13, 2022. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made to accept the agenda as is by Vice Chairperson Herman, seconded by Boardmember Gylock. Motion was approved unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – N/A

PUBLIC HEARING – N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule Time Change** – Recreation Director Peterson initially proposed to move the meetings to 5:30 p.m. for the year 2023 to accommodate a Boardmember. There was a conflict of interest as liaison Karen Moore is also the liaison for the Harbor Advisory Board meetings. After discussion amongst the Boardmembers it was motioned to keep the meeting time of 6:00 pm for the upcoming year.

A motion was made to accept the 2023 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Dates as presented with a time of 6:00 p.m. by Boardmember Waters, seconded by Boardmember Gylock. Motion was approved unanimously.

2) **Annual Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson:**

A motion was made to elect Chairperson Woerpel as remaining Chairperson and Boardmember Waters as Vice Chairperson, the motion was made by current Vice Chairperson Herman, seconded by Boardmember Gylock. Motion was approved unanimously.

3) **Discussion on the FY 2023-2024 Budget.-** Recreation Director Peterson spoke via phone about items the Recreation Department is looking to add to this year's upcoming budget. These items included, a quote to repair the Civic Center roof flashing, a front mounted mower, resurfacing Royce basketball and tennis/pickleball courts and once again remove the New Year's Eve fireworks from the budget. Peterson stated that if any items on the list are not approved she will be pursuing grant funding. The budgets must be submitted by January 23rd.

4) **Project Updates:**

a. **North City Limits Non-Motorized Pathway Project**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that this project is now considered closed and the City has received the final payment of \$300,000.

b. **Dedicated Pickleball Court Discussion and Grant Opportunities**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that she will be pursuing grant funding and donations to help fund the project. A Sparks Grant has been applied for and if that is not successful, a DNR Trust Fund Grant will be started.

c. **Splash Park Grant Update**

Recreation Director Peterson stated that the City first needs to come up with an engineered site plan for the splash park prior to bids being sent. Peterson stated that she is working with a company to provide a bid package for a splash park project at approximately \$200,000.

MISCELLANEOUS

N/A

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Boardmember Waters, seconded by Vice Chairperson Herman, to adjourn with the time being 5:58 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Peterson, Recreation Director

Patty Woerpel, Chairperson

Date