

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Main Meeting Room

225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829



Patty Woerpel, Chairperson
Jesse Herman, Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Gylock, Boardmember
Rhonda Waters, Boardmember
Vacancy, Boardmember
Karen Moore, Council Liaison
Kim Peterson, Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL/CORRECTION(S) TO MINUTES – Regular Meeting of September 13, 2022

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule With Time Change.

Explanation: The Board will review and approve the 2023 meeting schedule with the proposed time change of meetings to 5:30 p.m.

2. Annual Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Explanation: Annual election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will take place.

3. Discussion on the FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Explanation: The Board will discuss the FY 2023-2024 Budget along with upcoming projects and grant opportunities.

4. Project Updates:

- a. North City Limits Non-Motorized Pathway Project
- b. Dedicated Pickleball Court Discussion and Grant Opportunities
- c. Splash Park Grant Update

MISCELLANEOUS

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Escanaba will provide all necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon five days' notice to the City of Escanaba Clerk's Office by writing or calling (906) 786-9402.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Peterson, Recreation Director

ESCANABA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, September 13, 2022

A quorum was not present. No action was taken, only discussion.

Recreation Director Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at the Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Boardmembers Jennifer Gylock and Cathy Jordan

OTHERS PRESENT: Recreation Director Kim Peterson, Recreation Assistant Brooks Bougie, City Council Liaison Karen Moore and members of the public

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Chairperson Patty Woerpel, Vice Chairperson Jesse Herman and Boardmember Rhonda Waters

1) Project Updates:

a) **North City Limits Non-Motorized Pathway Project** - Recreation Director Peterson stated that she has submitted a \$275,744.20 reimbursement to the State of Michigan for the project. The project is complete and this is the last step of the project.

b) **Dedicated Pickleball Court Discussion and Grant Opportunities** – Recreation Director Peterson stated a group had met previously and were interested in converting Veteran’s Tennis Court into dedicated pickleball courts. She recommended applying for a grant from the State to construct dedicated pickleball courts to the west of the Veteran’s Tennis Court. If the City applies for a DNR Trust Fund Grant, the maximum allowed is \$300,000 with a 25% match from the City. Guidelines for such grant opportunities have not been released by the State yet, but the deadline in the past has been March 31st. The grant information will be discussed in the near future.

Shirley Gollach stated there is a need for dedicated pickleball in Escanaba and volunteered to continue to work with the players to present a construction plan to the City within the next month so they can apply for various grant opportunities that are available.

Others in support for the project and spoke were:
Paul Gayan, 1616 16th Avenue South, Escanaba
Sue McNeil, 423 South 32nd Street, Escanaba
Gail Higby, 1205 South 15th Street
Jeff Higby, 1205 South 15th Street
Tammy Bowman, 324 North 21st Street, Escanaba

Discussion took place on how many courts, lighting, fencing, parking, concession stand, seating/bleachers, ADA compliance and tournament sized courts. Recreation Director Kim Peterson will also look at grant opportunities from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and OSF St. Francis Hospital.

- c) **Civic Center Opening** - Recreation Director Peterson stated they hoped to have the Civic Center open for students in 4th – 12th grades on Monday, September 12th. However, there is still a need for two employees. They are now hoping to open on Monday, October 3rd.
- d) **Splash Park Grant Update and Other Grant Opportunities** - Recreation Director Peterson stated the City Council approved a resolution accepting the grant for the splash park and also signed the grant agreement. The City is now waiting for the State to sign the agreement so bids can be submitted for the project. Administration would like to accept bids in the fall and in the spring depending on the increase of costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



**NOTICE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regular meetings of the Recreation Advisory Board are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in Main Meeting Room, of the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 225 North 21st Street, in the City of Escanaba, MI, on the following dates as listed below:

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS – 2023
Main Meeting Room, Catherine Bonifas Civic Center, 5:30 p.m.**

January 10, 2023
February 14, 2023
March 14, 2023
April 11, 2023
May 9, 2023
June 13, 2023
July 11, 2023
August 8, 2023
September 12, 2023
October 10, 2023
November 14, 2023
December 12, 2023

Public notice will be given regarding any changes in the above meeting dates. Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Board Meetings are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 410 Ludington Street. Phone (906) 786-1194.

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