

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chr. LaBar at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Del Conley, Art Getzinger, Jackie Langlois, Mike Peltz (4:15 pm), Debbie Stiller, Rick Wagner, and Michelle LaBar.

Absent – Tom Sobeck and Ralph Stedman.

Also present: City Mgr. Slown, DPW Supt. Roger Wenzel, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Nowak.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Comm. Conley, seconded by Comm. Wagner, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2009.

Ayes – All, motion was carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION:** None

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

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**REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

DPW Supt. Roger Wenzel stated that Comm. Stiller and the Wacky Weeders are doing a great job on keeping up with the weeds within the City Parks.

City Mgr. Slown reported on the following:

- There is a core group of people forming to lobby and to advocate for trails throughout Presque Isle County.
- Token gifts were given to Carmeuse Lime & Stone, the Presque Isle District Library, Holly Wirgau, and Dana and Michelle LaBar for their efforts with the Fossil Park.
- Slown and Mayor Hall wrote letters to the Department of Agricultural in support of the Presque Isle Area Soil Conservation District. The Conservation District is slated to be cut from State funding.

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

The Community Recreation Plan was discussed and the following changes are to be made:

- Climate, Geology and Topography (page 13):
  - paragraph one take out “regularly scheduled City events”.
- Recreation Sites outside the City Frequently Used by City Residents and Visitors (page 25):
  - add “Sportsmen’s Club”
- Table A (page 39):
  - change the header from “Cost” to “Budget”
- All Parks or Multiple Park Projects (page 40):
  - f.) change to read “create and update trails and parks map”.
- Westminster Park (page 41):
  - b.) change “Renovation and re-landscape the gazebo”, year “2011”, estimated cost “\$3000”
- Public Works Park (page 41):
  - c.) remove
- Huron Sunrise Trail (page 45):
  - in the first paragraph, second sentence change to “The trail currently runs from South Shore Park to 40 Mile Point Lighthouse 7 miles north of the City.”
- Lakeside Park (page 46)
  - delete a.), c.), and change d.) to “Basketball court needs resurfacing”

**P & REC RESOLUTION 2009-09**

A motion was made by Comm. Peltz, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to recommend that the Community Recreation Plan updated by the Parks & Recreation Commission for the City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Area Schools be submitted to City Council for adoption.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**TRAILS IMPROVEMENTS**

DPW Supt. Wenzel reported that the Rogers City High School National Honor Society has adopted a section of the Huron Sunrise Trail from the City Garage to Shore Drive. They will clean the trail three times a year, in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. There are brooms set in PVC pipe along the north section of the trail for people to clear the trail if needed. The roots that are coming through the asphalt of the trail will be cut out this fall. Also, the trees that are overhanging the trail will be trimmed.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Kiosk at Herman Vogler Conservation Area – Comm. Stiller has been in contact with Rogers City Middle School Teacher Holly Wirgau to update the kiosk at Herman Vogler Conservation Area. Wirgau’s 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Computer class will work on this project.

Dogs in Lakeside Park – Comm. Peltz asked if the Rogers City Police Department has issued warnings or citations to people with dogs in Lakeside Park. He stated that he has seen many people in the park with their dogs and has not seen any officers around to enforce the ordinance. City Mgr. Slown stated he will ask Chief Quaine to give a verbal or written report on this issue. He further explained that there have been warnings and tickets issued, but does not know the number.

Parks Day – City Mgr. Slown reported that 27 people participated in the Parks Day. He sent a thank you letter to Cheryl Peters, MSU Extension Director, for the 4-H involvement with Parks Day. A brief discussion ensued on the factors that played on the lack of participation, i.e. timing when it was held, need a “hook” to draw people, directional signage, and the need to plan sooner. It was decided to add this as a future agenda item.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Michelle LaBar  
Chairperson

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Janet M. Nowak  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer