

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Chr. LaBar at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present – Del Conley, Art Getzinger, Mike Peltz, Ralph Stedman, and Michelle LaBar.

Absent – Jackie Langlois, Tom Sobeck, Debbie Stiller, and Rick Wagner.

Also present: Supt. Roger Wenzel and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Nowak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Comm. Conley, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2008.

Ayes – All, motion was carried.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE: None

REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

Supt. Roger Wenzel reported on the following:

■The shoulder of the road on Forest Ave was widened for the snowmobile trail. Several posts on Forest Ave have been replaced with 80 more to be replaced in 2009.

■Wenzel was approached by an individual, who requested the DPW paint a center line on the Huron Sunrise Trail from Linden Street to Shore Drive. This individual's wife had an incident involving a bike almost running her over; she fell and broke her wrist. A brief discussion ensued on if a center line would have prevented this from happening. The general consensus was that this was a one time incident and a center line is not necessary.

■Two of the baby swings were replaced at Lakeside Park. The gliders are in disrepair and will have to be taken down until they can be replaced. Also, the concrete securing the swing set posts has been covered with sand and is no longer exposed.

■Doggie-do dispensers will still be available during the winter months.

■Wenzel was approached by Beth Budnik, who asked if she could add more burning bushes in the area near the stop light at Third Street and Erie. She will ask the CDA for funding.

■Two memorial benches have been purchased. One will be installed near the Kiva and the other near the two wooden bridges between Forest Ave and Shore Drive on the trail.

■Used playground equipment was dropped off at the DPW garage. However, it needs too much work, so the owner was asked to pick it up.

COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Chr. LaBar handed out a copy of a map of the City of Alpena Bi-Path. She explained that this map shows the distances of the path, which would be a good addition to the Huron Sunrise Map. A brief discussion ensued about adding mileage to the map; however, it would make the text on the map too small to read. The Commission discussed the action plan, pages 37-39, with the following changes and additions:

■City Mgr. Slown will need to up-date the costs for the annual recreation projects and programs.

■Annual recreation projects and programs:

Add "Summer Concert Series, Family Fun Day, and Parks Day". Also, change the year column to "2009-2014".

■Special Projects and Programs by Location:

▪All Parks or Multiple Park Projects:

▪Change year column to "2009-2014".

▪g.) update the trail map. Year to be changed to "2009-2010".

▪Huron Sunrise Trail

▪Need to find out from City Mgr. Slown if "b.), trail head improvement" should be kept.

▪c.) Remove.

▪e.) Will need estimated cost information from Slown.

▪Seagull Point Park:

▪a. – d. remove.

▪e.) remove everything, but seating.

▪f.) add "Bench near the ramp".

▪g.) add "Kiva, open Pavilion, and fishing platform at the point".

▪North Shore Park:

▪c.) remove.

▪d.) add "additional benches".

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- Rogers City Marina:
 - Harbor Master will need to update.
- Snowmobile Trail:
 - No changes.
- Lakeside Park:
 - a.) remove.
 - d.) change year to “2011”
 - c.) add “replace pavilion roof”, year “2012”.
 - d.) add “Revitalize the Band Shell”.
 - e.) add “Resurface the basketball court” amount “\$25,000” year “2009”.
 - d.) add “Mosaic finish to the base of the torch”.
- Add “Trout River Park”:
 - a.) add “Improve restroom to ADA”.
- Westminster Park:
 - Remove barrier free access, pathways, improve water service. Add, “Paint the gazebo” and “Chamber of Commerce brick pavers project”. Year “2009”.
- Sports Park:
 - a.-b. remove.
 - Add “Improve lighting”; “improve the existing bleachers, by adding a cement slab underneath”, add “bleachers” and add “benches”.
- South Shore Park (Little League):
 - Add “Additional playground equipment”.
- Public Works Park:
 - a.) remove.
 - b.) remove.
 - Add “Move the white garage”, “Picnic tables and Fire pit”.
 - Add “Break-wall for wind protection”.
- Quarry View:
 - a.) remove.
- Herman Vogler Conservation Area:
 - There was a brief discussion about the long-term agreement for maintenance of site. Comm. Stedman stated he spoke with former DPW Supt. Bill Robin and he stated there is no agreement. Stedman has look into grants to improve the area without any success.
 - Add “Improvement to restrooms”.
 - Chr. LaBar asked Stedman to review page 22 for updates.
- “Harbor View” add to the list:
 - Add “Parking, viewing and landscaping improvements”.
 - Add “Addition of interpretive signs”.
- Rogers City Area Schools (High School and Gilpin Field):
 - This will need to be updated by the School.
- “Riverview Park” add to “All parks or multiple park projects”.

On page 20, add to the history of Rogers City Memorial Park Cemetery “over 400 veterans buried in the cemetery”.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEOS – Chr. LaBar stated that City Mgr. Slown had asked that the Commission discuss their view on the NEOS. LaBar explained that she does not know if other service organizations are interested in financing the NEOS and requested tabling this until Slown will be present to provide an update. However, there was a brief discussion on purchasing the NEOS, and the general consensus was that it is too costly, and its use will fade after time as did the In-Line Hockey Facility.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michelle LaBar
Chairperson

Janet M. Nowak
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer