

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present –Del Conley, Art Getzinger, Jackie Langlois, Ralph Stedman (4:05 pm), Tom Sobeck (4:36), Debbie Stiller, and Michelle LaBar.

Absent – Mike Peltz and Rick Wagner.

Also present: DPW 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 July 16, 2008, as amended in Reports From City Staff “City Mgr. Slown updated the Commission” to read “In August” not “In September”.

Ayes – All, motion was carried.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

Rene DeRoque, who lives north of Rogers City, presented his idea to change the park signage coming into Rogers City. The sign coming into Rogers City says Seagull Park, DeRoque stated, “Who would want to stop to see Seagulls”. He recommended Seagull Point Park be renamed Sunset Beach. Also, change Lakeside Park to Sunrise Beach. This generated a brief discussion on changing the name of Seagull Point Park. Rachel Goldstein, who recently inherited property in Presque Isle County, was also in attendance. She stated the signage does not sell the City. Chr. LaBar asked if any of the Commission members are on the Way Finding Committee, Conley responded that any change in the naming of a park would have to go before City Council.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

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**REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF**

DPW Supt. Roger Wenzel reported on the following:

- ◆The parking lot at Trout River Park off of Forest Ave has been expanded.
- ◆The kiva was installed at North Shore Park, behind the Driftwood Motel. Wenzel provided pictures of the construction and a breakdown of the costs.
- ◆Wenzel received a complaint from an individual that the Huron Sunrise Trail needs to be swept more. He explained each time the trail is swept from the City Garage to Hoeft State Park its costs the City \$171.14. The trail is swept three to four times a year. MDOT will only reimburse the City once a year to sweep the trail in the spring. Comm. Langlois was approached by an individual who uses rollerblades on the trail and asked why the section on Shore Drive has not been repaved. Wenzel explained that the grant money for the trail system does not cover paving roads, only the trail. Discussion ensued on how to fund additional sweeping of the trail north of Rogers City, i.e., ask Rogers Township to assist financially, donations, adopt a trail, sell t-shirts, or service groups. Chr. LaBar will speak with City Mgr. Slown about asking Rogers Township for financial assistance.
- ◆There are two more people who have showed interest in memorial park benches. Wenzel placed an order for four more benches.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – DAVE SNOW**

Dave Snow, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Commission on resurrecting the brick paver program. The lettering on the installed pavers has deteriorated over time from foot traffic and road salt. Snow explained that the Chamber of Commerce plans to bring the program back, but in a different way. He has spoken with a contractor from Mt. Clemens, who explained the existing bricks were made of the wrong material and the engraving should be deeper. The new brick would be larger in size and of a harder material, i.e. granite. He proposes that any bricks purchased, in honor of or memory of someone, be installed in one of the City park’s and displayed in a way that foot traffic and road salt will not damage them. Snow is asking the Parks & Recreation Commission for a recommendation on his proposal and to designate an area at a City park for the new bricks. The Streetlighting Project will displace some of the bricks along the City sidewalks; these bricks will be replaced with new bricks and displayed along with the new brick paver program. It was pointed out that some business owners have family members’ names displayed on the bricks in front of their buildings; they may want these to remain in their area. Discussion ensued on which park to display the brick pavers, i.e. Lakeside Park around the torch, or Westminster Park around the gazebo. Snow stated he would like to have an answer from the Commission, so that he can present it to the Chamber of Commerce board members at their August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting for final approval of the program.

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**P & REC RESOLUTION 2008-04**

A motion was made by Comm. Conley, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to recommend to City Council that upon final approval from the Chamber of Commerce of the new Brick Paver Program, that Westminster Park be the location to display the new brick pavers and that the pavers be displayed around the gazebo.

Ayes – All, motion carried.

**PARKS DAY**

Chr. LaBar reported the sub-committee met to discuss the Parks Day. It will take place on September 13th and will run from 12pm – 3pm in conjunction with the Fall Festival. There will be a poker run for adults (13 and over) and sticker run for children (12 and under). Comm. Sobeck will get information on how to operate the poker run. Renee DeRoque gave his input on his experience with how the poker run is ran. A brief discussion ensued on how to eliminate people from cheating with the poker run. The poker run and sticker run will take the participants to nine different parks throughout the City. The starting point will be at Westminster Park. There will be no charge to participate in the poker run; however, there will be containers at each park for donations. Comm. Stiller handed out a draft copy of the flyer explaining Parks Day with a map on the back. Stiller asked for input on the flyer and map, which generated a lengthy discussion. The following is a list of nine parks that will be involved; the service clubs/organizations, who will work at the park, event that will take place, and designated area in the park:

- Westminster Park – Start of the event; Chamber of Commerce will cover this park. Designated area will be at the gazebo.
- Seagull Point Park – Lions Club; Sobeck will speak with a representative from the Lions Club on planning an activity at the park.
- Trout River Park – Neil Burchett will manage a geo caching event. Someone will be needed to hand out cards and stickers. Sobeck will speak with the Boy Scouts about assisting at this park. Designated area would be the fire ring.
- Sports Park – Key Club; Sobeck will speak with Marilyn Dimick about covering this and an activity. Designated area: In line Hockey Facility.
- South Shore Park – Optimist Club will cover; Getzinger will let LaBar know about an activity. Designated area: Optimist playground.
- Lakeside Park – Kiwanis Club; Comm. Conley will speak with the club members. The playscape will be the designated area.
- North Shore Park – LaBar will speak with the Girl Scouts. Kiva will be the designated area. 4-H could be the back up if the Girl Scouts are unable to cover this park.
- Riverview Park – Natural Helpers; Sobeck will speak with a representative. Designated area, the bench.
- Public Works Park – 4-H; LaBar will speak with Kathy Karsten about having the 4-H cover this park.

The NEOS presentation will take place at the bandshell at Lakeside Park. The club or organization will have to identify who they are by either displaying their banner or wearing clothing that signifies their club/organization. Sobeck will look into sponsors. DPW Supt. Wenzel will speak with Adrian's Sport Shop and The Dry Dock for gift certificates. LaBar will speak with McDonald's and the Super Scoop for a donation. Dave Snow will speak with area merchants at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting for prizes. Comm. Getzinger will speak with Comm. Peltz on what information he has on prizes. Comm. Conley stated he will speak with the *Advance* news reporter Angie Asam about tying this event in with the next article she writes about a City park. The Parks Day sub-committee will meet to finalize plans on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Rogers City Council Chambers.

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

Due to time constraint this agenda item was not discussed

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Michelle LaBar  
Chairperson

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Janet M. Nowak  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer