

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008**

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 (4:01), Tom Sobeck, Ralph Stedman (4:04), Debbie Stiller, Rick Wagner, and Michelle LaBar.

Also present: City Mgr. Slown, DPW Supt. Bill Robin and 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 May 21, 2008.

Ayes – All, motion was carried.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:

Gary Rickard, owner of the former Daugherty's building on North Third Street, explained his plans to turn the building into a recreation/fitness center. He will provide a sketch of his plans of the recreation/fitness center and would like the information included in the Community Recreation Plan. Rickard further explained his background with recreation. Chr. LaBar thanked him for addressing the Commission.

REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

City Mgr. Slown introduced the new DPW Superintendent, Roger Wenzel.

Chr. LaBar thanked DPW Supt. Bill Robin for the work he has done for the Park & Recreation Commission. Robin will retire from the City on June 26th. LaBar presented a plaque to Robin from the Commission in appreciation for all the work he has done.

DPW Supt. Bill Robin reported the Optimist Park dedication was held on May 31st. There was a recall on the swings at the Optimist Park, the company sent a replacement set and they have been changed. DPW built a climbing wall, which finished off the playground set that was donated by Dennis Meredith. The Huron Sunrise Trail has been swept and the Pavilion at Lakeside Park is ready for the Sunrise Adventure Bicycle Tour, which will take place this weekend. Four memorial benches have been purchased at a cost of \$405 per bench. Two (2) of the benches were paid in full and deposits have been paid on two (2). All four benches have been installed: two (2) at Lakeside Park, one (1) near the wildflower patch on the Huron Sunrise Trail, and one (1) near Trout River by the trail.

GEOCACHING

Neil Burchett reported on the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse Geoevent. He is requesting permission from the City to use the Huron Sunrise Trail during the event. The event will take place on July 12th starting at the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse. As part of a poker run, there will be geocaches temporarily placed in five different locations along the trail. The caches will contain a log book and trinkets. Burchett brought with him several different geocach containers. He explained what geocaching is and how to get started. There are twenty teams signed up for the event, but he is not certain how many people per team.

P & REC RESOLUTION 2008-02

A motion was made by Comm. Stiller, seconded by Comm. Stedman, to recommend to City Council to allow Neil Burchett to use the Huron Sunrise Trail to temporarily place five (5) geocaches near the trail for the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse Geoevent on July 12th.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

City Mgr. Slown will post the event on the City's website. Burchett will report back to the Park & Recreation Commission on the success of the event.

40 MILE POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Neil Burchett stated the extension of the Huron Sunrise Trail to the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse will be completed in the spring of 2009. Presque Isle County will be the supervising authority with the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse, Rogers Township, and Presque Isle County sharing in the cost to have the City of Rogers City maintain the trail.

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DONATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The David Nadolsky family offered to donate a three-piece railroad playground set to the City. It is designed for young children and is constructed of wood. Pictures of the playground set were provided to the Commission. After a brief discussion, it was decided that there is an area at the Optimist Park where the playground set could be installed.

P & REC RESOLUTION 2008-03

A motion was made by Comm. Getzinger, seconded by Comm. Conley, to recommend to City Council to accept the three-piece railroad playground equipment donated by the David Nadolsky family and install it at the Optimist Park.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

City Mgr. Slown stated the Masons volunteered to assist with relocating the playground set; however, this will not be necessary, since the DPW has the equipment to move the set.

COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

City Mgr. Slown stated the City Council gave their approval for the Park & Recreation Commission to update the Community Recreation Plan. Slown explained what would be required of the Commission and gave his suggestions on different ways to go about updating the plan. The target date to have the Plan updated is February 2009. Council Member Greene suggested putting the Plan on the City's website for public input, Slown explained the Plan is on the City's website. Discussion ensued on where and how to proceed with updating the Plan. The following items were discussed:

- Hold public input meetings in September and November. Also, have a comment section for public input available on the City's website.
- Location of Gary Rickard's recreation/fitness center; possibly recreation inventory (page 16-21).
- At the next Park & Recreation meeting, work on the recreation inventory (page 16-21), then continue on with the goals (page 34-39). Comm. Stiller asked that a copy of the FY 2008/09 short term and long term goals be provided for the next meeting to aid in working on the goals. Slown will gather information on the inventory of recreation programs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

♦ Comm. Peltz stated the Optimist Club is soliciting funds to purchase a slide for the South Shore Park playground.

♦ Comm. Stiller reported the Garden Girls (also known as the Wacky Weeders) planted flowers around the torch at Lakeside Park. The flowers were donated by Glen's Market. Stiller recommended a thank you be sent to Jackie Viegelahn, Manager Glen's Market.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Michelle LaBar
Chairperson

Janet M. Nowak
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer