

## MINUTES

City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board  
Regular Meeting  
April 13, 2022  
Alpena, Michigan

### CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dave Kuznicki, Recreation Advisory Board Chair.

### ROLL CALL: RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Kuznicki, Melville-Hall, Saddler, Heath, Lee

Absent: Pattison

Staff: Steve Shultz (City Engineer), Rachel Smolinski (City Manager), Shannon Smolinski (Harbormaster), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary).

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion made by Melville-Hall**, to approve the agenda with the addition of nominating a vice chair regarding Thomas Dowd's resignation, **seconded by Saddler**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2, 2022

**Motion made by Heath**, to approve the minutes as printed, **seconded by Saddler**.

COMMUNICATIONS: Thomas Dowd's resignation email from the board.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: None

### BUSINESS:

1. Revised 2022 Meeting Schedule – Switch October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Motion made by Melville-Hall**, to approve the meeting schedule as amended, **seconded by Lee**.
2. Discuss and Approve Marina Master Plan – Shannon stated that over the past year, the city has undertaken a revitalization of the Alpena Marina. As part of this process, the city with the aid of the Harbor Advisory Committee, has undertaken the development of the 2021-2025 Marina Master Plan. This plan is needed to be able to apply for waterways grants. **Motion made by Melville-Hall**, for recommendation to council to append the Marina Master Plan to the Recreation Master Plan, **seconded by Lee**.
3. Discuss Avery Park – Rachel stated there has been issues from adjacent landowners complaining about headlights shining into their house from vehicles entering the alley by

JJ's. Steve suggested planting some more trees along the property line or adding a decorative wall next to the alley. Members felt the park has been there for a very long time and the homeowner should have realized what they were getting into by buying in that area. Rachel stated that if something can be done there that would enhance the park and alleviate the issue it should be considered. Shannon stated if a wall was put up it could interfere with snow maintenance as that alley is city maintained. The park has been used more frequently for musicians that aren't able to play at Culligan Plaza. The park is also now part of the social district and a few weddings have taken place there. An event form must be submitted to be approved by staff and a noise ordinance might have to be waived until a certain time to host the event. Most gatherings at that park have been relatively small. Avery Park could potentially improve by having a stage area.

Discuss Blair Street Park – Steve stated the contract to replace the entire board walk was recently awarded and construction should begin around the end of April. It will be the same length as previous. The whole board walk is going to be replaced and the boards are going to be separated like a deck. Money was pulled from fund balance to complete the project. The grills have rotted through, and the concrete table is broken. The Christensen's, who adopted the Blair Street Park, have requested for those park amenities to get replaced. Look into getting standard picnic tables for there not the concrete ones. Could possibly look into putting a porta john at the park as well. Could potentially construct a small pavilion down there with some picnic tables under neath of it but the area is small.

Rachel asked members to start looking at signage for parks and prioritize them as to what are in the worst shape and need to be replaced sooner then other ones. The City plans on replacing a couple signs per year as budgeted. Signs are well over 20 years old. Steve is going to reach out to some sign design companies to get some sample designs to look at.

***Motion made by Heath***, to elect Nickolas Lee as Vice-Chair, ***seconded by Melville-Hall***.

#### MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Lee visited Flagler Avenue in Florida and discussed signage there. There were signs that went over the road and it might be an idea to do that here with the park name on them. Steve suggested having something at each park that would make a great photo opportunity.

4. Two parks to discuss at the June meeting – North Riverfront Park and the South Riverfront Park

#### ADJOURNMENT:

***Motion made by Melville-Hall, seconded by Heath*** to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m. by Chair Kuznicki.