

MINUTES

City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2022
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Nickolas Lee, Recreation Advisory Board Vice Chair.

Present: Melville-Hall, Pattison (5:06), Lee, Saddler (Virtual)

Absent: Kuznicki, Heath

Staff: Steve Shultz (City Engineer), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary).

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No Quorum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No Quorum

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: None

BUSINESS:

1. Discuss applications to join the board– Table until the next meeting.
2. Discuss Free Libraries Project – Lee stated it seems like a good idea and it will push more education into the community. It gives someone the opportunity to read a book if they don't have books available. There is currently one located at the boat harbor that appears to be getting used and seems to be liked by the community. McRae Park would be a great location for one being there are a lot of families located nearby. Pattison added there is also one located behind the Fresh Palate and Mangos. Pattison stated they were built at the high school and would love to get them out into the community. All members are in support of the idea and will move to the city for authorization.
3. Discuss North Riverfront Park – Steve explained the improvements that are listed as part of our Comprehensive Plan. Members agreed it would be great to add more walkway out toward the lighthouse as well as seeing the area get cleaned up and be more accessible. Steve believes this project could possibly involve applying for a grant down the road. Saddler stated he has found a grant called Bark for your Park that offers several \$5000.00 grants to communities with dog parks that already exist. A civic letter of support from Mayor Waligora as well as confirmation of area of land would be needed as well. Saddler questioned having a spot at the dog park for smaller dogs. Steve stated that there was a spot in the plans for a smaller spot for dogs but was not received well

from the community. May be worth reevaluating again. Saddler is going to approach Anne Gentry with the DDA about the grant.

4. Discuss South Riverfront Park – Saddler stated this park seems very tucked in and not inviting. Steve stated if and when the Brownfield goes through for the Fairfield Hotel, there has been talk of adding in some money for improvements to the park. Some ideas that were discussed were cement cornhole boards, horseshoes, lighted walkway with bollard lighting and a playground.
5. Two parks to discuss at the August meeting – Duck Park and Sytek Park

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Saddler stated the Blair Street pier is excellent and the bbq grill stations seem to be in pretty good shape still and don't need replacing. Melville-Hall asked what style the boards are on the pier. Steve stated they are deck style allowing space between the boards. In addition the pier will also have a couple of benches on it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m. by Vice Chair Lee.