

MINUTES

City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2020
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, Heath, Dowd, Cupples

Absent: None

Staff: Rich Sullenger (City Engineer), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary)

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Dowd, seconded by Heath to approve the agenda as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: None

BUSINESS:

1. Review Mich-e-ke-wis Plan for approval.

Sullenger states that we previously have had several public meetings on the potential improvements to Mich-e-ke-wis Park. Back in 2005 there was a master plan for the entire shoreline running from Bayview Park out through Mich-e-ke-wis. Many improvements at Starlite Beach have since been completed. The city wants to continue the process of improvements to Mich-e-ke-wis area. Since it's been so many years since then an update was needed to the plan. The RV Park was originally in that plan but after much discussion has to be removed. NEMCOG had gathered input from the public and put together a draft for recommendation of approval from the Rec Board Members. The Alpena Art Sculpture should be going up any time now. Sullenger added that there could be some changes coming for the Performance Locker. With the Covid, it has been closed and not sure when it will reopen. The Farmers Market may also move closer to the building. A lot of things are still in limbo and when all is said and done some things might not be exactly as described in the plan going forward once construction starts happening. Examples of such are the volleyball courts because of the current water table situation will not be able to be as close to the water as first anticipated and also talk of elevating the break wall to help as a wind barrier to slow rising water and sand from coming over. Before proceeding, discussions with appropriate groups will happen to assure that the need for the improvement will work for the community. Kuznicki questioned the probability of the Padd's owning access to the water in which Sullenger stated that all research has been done to make

sure that there is no guaranteed access or rights to the property to only them adding that it is all open access to the public.

Motion made by Dowd to accept the Mich-e-ke-wis plan for approval as presented, **seconded by Heath**.

Ayes: Cupples, Heath, Dowd, Kuznicki

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion passed: 4-0

2. Board Members

Motion made by Dowd, seconded by Heath, to allow Kuznicki as Chair of the board.

Sullenger stated that this is a seven member board and there are only four members right now so everyone needs to attend to have a quorum and asked if members are aware of any potential people to add to board.

Motion made by Heath, seconded by Dowd, to elect Cupples as the Vice-Chair of the board.

STAFF & PROJECT UPDATES:

Sullenger stated that there have been many complaints on the poor conditions at Starlite Beach with all the sand over the break wall. DPW dedicated a lot of time to get that area as well as Bayview Park cleaned up before the holiday and then we got the big storm and it looked like we didn't do anything. With the water table as high as it is, the City has had to close the end of Prentiss Street by the Yacht Club to prevent the road from washing out from traffic driving on it.

MEMBER'S COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Heath, seconded by Dowd to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Kuznicki.