

MINUTES

City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2023
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Dave Kuznicki, Recreation Advisory Board Chair.

ROLL CALL: RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Lee, Melville-Hall, Pattison, McCumber, Kuznicki,

Absent: Saddler, Barr

Staff: Steve Shultz (City Engineer), Charlie Kendziorski (Assistant City Engineer), Rachel Smolinski (City Manager), Cassie Stone (Recording Secretary).

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion made by Melville-Hall, Seconded by McCumber, motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 10, 2023) *Motion made by Pattison, Seconded by Lee, motion carried.*

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss McRae Park – Steve stated it shows 1.16 million dollars is spread out over the course of 5 years in the CIP to include improvements such as picnic pavilion construction, upgrades to the community building, upgrades to the ball field and concession stand and general site and equipment improvements. Rachel added this funding is not secured and it needs to make it into the budget. Rachel stated that she met with Elizabeth a few weeks back and discussed issues related to the building and McRae Park Association. Rachel feels it's important to get all stakeholders (McRae Park Association, Little League, Lions Club) together that are involved in McRae Park and meet onsite to set priorities. Rachel added that she spoke to Steve Murch from the Lions Club and is working on setting a date to meet on site. Kuznicki suggested removing the potential ballfield section out of the plan as it is wetlands. Rachel suggested possibly putting in some trails by the drainage ditch into the next plan and could also make it ADA accessible. Steve added there are all kinds of grants out there for that type of stuff. Rachel added there also needs to be some discussion with the Little League Association

regarding the garbage. During the off-season, Little League is required to maintain the garbage and it is not getting done and the cans are often overflowing. Elizabeth stated she has architectural design of what currently is the men's bathroom as a potential submission to do an ADA complaint family style bathroom. Elizabeth added that the floors really need to redone in there as well as a result from some sewer damage that had happened last winter. Steve is going to get with Todd Britton to see what he thinks that will cost so we know what needs to be budgeted. Elizabeth added that the whole inside of the building has been painted and she believes it will be The Lion's Club that will be painting the outside of the building. Elizabeth stated there is also a broken water fountain inside that needs to be removed. Steve is going to check with Skip at Veolia to see what the sewer issue was, so it doesn't happen once the new bathroom is installed. Rachel stated upgrading the playground equipment is also a priority.

- AMAESD Signage – Steve received a call from AMAESD about a sign that was put up in Harrisville and showed the members what it looks like. It's an interactive/fun learning sign for children that AMAESD would like to install at McRae Park. After review/discussion of the sign and the sign location *Motion made by Melville-Hall, Seconded by McCumber to allow the AMAESD sign installation, motion carried.*

2. Recreation Plan Survey – Rachel stated the survey is out and needs to be completed by the end of July. A press release was issued to alert people that the survey was out. The survey is short and should only take about 10 minutes to complete. The survey is available online, and hard copies are available at the township office and at City Hall. Rachel stated the City's Recreation Plan doesn't expire until 2025 but this would be a good opportunity to plan and be on the same page with everything else. The new Recreation Plan should be available to present at the January or February meeting with the Recreation Board.

3. The next two parks to discuss at the September meeting will be Washington Park & Sytek Park.

NEXT MEETING: Kuznicki requested to change the September 13th meeting to either September 6th or 27th. The next meeting date is scheduled for September 27, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Lee, Seconded by Pattison, to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.*

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m. by Chair Kuznicki.