

MINUTES

City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2022
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL: RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Kuznicki, Lee, Saddler, Pattison, Barr, McCumber

Absent: Melville-Hall

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Saddler, Seconded by Lee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 13, June 8, August 10, 2022) Motion made by Barr, Seconded by McCumber.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Mich-E-Ke-Wis Park – Steve stated that the Mich-E-Ke-Wis-Park plan is a moving target and ideas for the park can be changed yearly and amendments can be made. Having the plan helps to be able to apply for grants. Rec board members can make suggestions on ideas for the park now not just staff members. The city was awarded some money from the Youth and Rec Grant to do the play structure and that project will probably move forward next year. Steve added that there has been talk about putting in a concrete skate park at Mich-E-Ke-Wis instead of the pump track which would allow people to use roller blades, skateboards as well as bikes. Steve is going to tell the skate park group that the Rec Board supports the idea of the concrete park and will add this item to the December agenda for an official vote to be able to proceed for councils' approval so we could start looking into grants.
2. Discuss Starlite Pak – Steve stated Starlite has had a lot of attention and the focus right now is on the parking lot. It has been getting a lot more traffic on it since all the

upgrades. The curb and gutter needs to be removed so it can drain better. The pavement is failing and is a problem to snowplow.

3. Discuss priorities for park signage – The City wants to get started on the signage project. A request for proposals will get sent out looking for a sign design and then to eventually construct the signs. The sign design would take care of all of our signs going forward on the parks. The City is only budgeted to allow for two park signs this year including the design work cost. Board members need to come up with two park signs to start getting replaced first and will take a vote on them at the December meeting. Members agreed to start with high traffic parks like Bayview, Starlite and Avery Park.
4. Skate Park Discussion – Steve stated there is currently \$10,000 worth of material coming to replace the boards that are really bad and will make it safe to skate on. The City has received a price from a local contractor to do the work. Steve added that the City has received a proposal from NOAA to open up more area around the park to the public. It would require more maintenance and lawn mowing but would be more open and inviting to the public. Steve is hoping to show a plan of the design at the December meeting.
5. Culligan Plaza Update and Survey – Steve believes there was around 1500 respondents and 2200 comments on the survey. Steve added that the hardest thing to get across to people is leaving Culligan Plaza the way it is currently, is not an option. The maintenance that is done to it ever year is very time consuming. The public will be able to comment and voice their opinions but it's impossible to have everyone agree on the design. The company that was hired will provide us with three different design ideas. Keeping in mind some of the things we would like to keep there. There isn't a timeframe on anything yet. Waiting for the design company to come back with something. Need to come up with something soon so the construction won't interfere with the busy downtown season.
6. Two parks to discuss at the December Meeting – Culligan Plaza and Water Tower Park

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Steve stated with the weather turning colder we will delay park tours till Spring.

Motion made by Lee, seconded by McCumber to reschedule the December 14th meeting to December 21st.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Lee, seconded by Barr to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 by Chair Kuznicki.