

MINUTES

City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2022
Alpena, Michigan

Present: Kuznicki, Lee, Saddler

Absent: Melville-Hall, Pattison, Heath

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No Quorum

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BUSINESS:

1. Members discussed applications to join the board. A recommendation will be made to council on Monday to add Bailey Barr to the board.
2. Discuss Duck Park – Rachel stated that the River Center is doing a pavilion with restrooms rather than the building. The design for Phase 1 will be done this fall. There is funding available for the construction so hopefully there will be something out there next year. The grills that are there are not useable and could eventually be replaced with new ones. Rachel added that the Wildlife Sanctuary Board takes such a large roll in management of the Island Park/Duck Park but the city could possibly talk to them about other amenities that need to be added to the parks. Saddler suggested upgrading the fishing piers and making them more useable. It was also suggested to maybe add a telescope/view finder on the island to view wildlife on the river. Another good spot to put one would be at the end of the Blair Street Pier.
3. Discuss Sytek Park – Steve stated that shelter upgrades and site amenities are budgeted out a long way in the CIP. Lawn mowing and upkeep of the park has been maintained by the county because it is right across the street but the City will be taking back over maintenance of the park soon. There is a concrete pad that will be getting poured this week to allow for a bike repair station. People will be able to pump up their tires on their bikes and do minor repairs with tools provided. There is currently one at Woodward Trailhead by the soccer fields. Lee suggested installing a kayak launch at Sytek Park. The cost to install a kayak launch would be \$25-30,000 and could potentially be added into the CIP. Saddler questioned if there will ever be a designated path alongside Bagley to connect from the bridge. Steve stated there is a lot of wetlands there. If would have to be an elevated boardwalk or if the County would allow the City to widen the shoulder.
4. Parks to discuss/visit at the next meeting – Mich-e-ke-wis Park, Avery Park, North Riverfront Park and South Riverfront Park.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Saddler suggested maybe meeting before the next scheduled meeting in October to visit some parks and members should note the sign conditions at each park that's visited.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 19, 2022 but could possibly meet in September.