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AGENDA

City of Alpena Recreation Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m.

Alpena, Michigan

This meeting will be in person at City Hall in the Council Chambers as well as the option to join virtually.

The public is welcome to alternately join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone

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CALL TO ORDER:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 19, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS:

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Culligan Plaza
 - Review CIP Items
 - Manager/Engineer Comments
 - Open Discussion/Direction



2. NOAA design plan for Waterfront Development
3. Discuss Water Tower/Skate Park and Access to NOAA Development
 - Review CIP item
 - Manager/Engineer Comments
 - Open Discussion/Direction
4. Vote for two park sign replacement priority
5. Select 2 new parks to focus on for the March meeting
6. Approve 2023 Meeting Schedule

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES

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

Capital Projects Request Form

City Of Alpena

Project Title:
Status:
Rank:

Fund:
Category:
Department:

Project Location:

Project Description:

Date Prepared:
Preparer:
Inception Date:
☒ Connected to Master Plan

Account No.:

Expenditure Schedule by Fiscal Year

2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	Long Range	Total
\$10,000							\$10,000

Funding Source

General Fund	Equipment Fund	Special Assessment	Bond
Sewer Fund	Major Street Fund	Grant	Grant Source
Water Fund	Local Street Fund	Other	Specify Source
IT Fund		\$10,000	DDA
Total			\$10,000

Explanation/Justification/Connection to Master Plan

The DDA will contribute to the renovation of Culligan Plaza in partnership with the City. The project includes raising the fountain, improving lighting, and completing other aesthetic improvements to make it a more inviting, usable public space. Such a renovation would further Focus Area 1's goal to encourage placemaking opportunities and enhance public spaces.

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- 16. North Riverfront Park** located off Fletcher Street near the mouth of the Thunder Bay River within the City's downtown area, behind the Post Office. This park has 570 feet of river frontage. A parking lot and boat launch is provided on this site. A section of the park is also fenced and dedicated as the Thomas Safford Dog Park.

In 2007-2008, the City implemented a number of improvements at North Riverfront Park aided by a grant from the MDNR. The improvements include the installation of a cantilevered walkway with barrier free access and rail sections allowing fishing for all parties. The improvements also included flower, shrub, and tree plantings and the installation of an irrigation system to ensure the livelihood of plant material and reduce runoff to the river. Amenities were also installed in the park including benches, picnic tables, walkways, water and power access and a drinking fountain. These improvements have opened up this previously unimproved park for expanded and enhanced activities. The project, due to available funding, had to be curtailed and elements originally planned for were deleted from the project with hopes of being able to fund them in the future. These include the resurfacing and restriping of the parking lot, parking lot lighting, and installation of water and power access points throughout the park.

Type: Special Use Park

Service Area: City of Alpena; boat launch serves wider area.

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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- 17. Riverside Skate Park/Water Tower Park** is located on Ninth Avenue near the Ninth Avenue Bridge. A collaborative effort between a skateboarding/in-line skating group, concerned citizens, and the City resulted in the development of this community recreational skateboarding park. The project began in 1997 by a group of area youth involved in Get Excited And Rally (GEAR), with the help of many community supporters. As the proposal gained recognition, committees were formed and public information sessions were held. In the spring of 1998, this well-planned project resulted in the selection of Water Tower Park on Ninth Avenue as the location for the skateboarding facility. With youth and adults working together, the central location of Water

Tower Park provides recreational opportunities for skateboarding and in-line skating. Stunt bikes are not allowed at the facility. Although the park is youth-oriented, it provides all residents of the City of Alpena with the opportunity to participate in this popular activity in a safe and user-friendly environment. A second mini-skate park for beginners was constructed in 2006.

In 2006, with the assistance of a grant from the MDEQ, improvements to Water Tower Park were installed. A 10' wide section of lighted Bi-Path was extended across the park from Ninth Avenue (which connected to a section of the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail that extends to Second Avenue). Additional park improvements undertaken during this project included the construction of a barrier free fishing pier along the waters edge, the installation of an irrigation system and terraced rain garden (to control runoff to the river), landscaping upgrades, and the installation of new picnic tables.

Type: Special Use Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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- 18. Rotary Island Mill Park** is located in the Thunder Bay River between Sixth and Seventh Streets. Owned by the Rotary Club of Alpena, this park was developed for recreational use with fishing sites and pathways. In 2007, a pedestrian bridge linking the island to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail was installed. This bridge established a connected, non-motorized pathway to both sides of the Thunder Bay River. It also effectively integrated the island into the City park system. In 2008, the Rotary Club signed a maintenance agreement with the City of Alpena whereas the City will maintain specified improvements on the island in exchange for a public access easement across the island.

Type: Mini-Park (Private Park with Granted Public Access)

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.

MAP 21: RIVERSIDE SKATE PARK/WATERTOWER PARK





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2023 City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Schedule

Location: All meetings will be the second Wednesday of the following months in the City Council Chambers, Alpena City Hall at 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Meeting Dates:

January 11, 2023

March 8, 2023

May 10, 2023

July 12, 2023

September 13, 2023

November 8, 2023

