



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

January 11, 2021

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held virtually, on Monday, December 14, 2020. Roll was called at 7:01 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Jennifer Buchanan
Jerry Bush
Paul Schemanski
Jon Terry
Ken Turk
Sharon Walker

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director
Lisa Denoyer, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, December 14, 2020 meeting were read and approved. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Walker, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Schemanski, Terry, Turk, Walker (6)
NAYS: (0)

Agenda Approved

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Schemanski, Terry, Turk, Walker (6)
NAYS: (0)

New Business

Annual Organizational Meeting and Election of Officers

Every January, this board nominates officers and approves meeting dates. Last year's chairperson, Mike Morey, did not reapply for another term on this board. As a result of Mr. Morey's departure, there is a vacancy on the board awaiting Mayoral recommendation and City Council approval.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking a Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Schemanski nominated Ken Turk, who was the Vice Chair in 2020, who accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry.

Motion to approve Ken Turk as Chairperson was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Terry, with all members present voting aye.

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NAYS: (0)

The second position needed is Vice Chair. This position would assume duties of the meeting in the event the Chairperson is unable. Commissioner Walker nominated Jennifer Buchanan, who accepted the nomination.

Motion to approve Jennifer Buchanan as Vice Chairperson was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Turk, with all members present voting aye.

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NAYS: (0)

The meeting dates were also presented. Keeping with the yearly schedule, the meetings will be on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings will remain virtual until in-person meetings are allowed. Discussion of locations will be discussed at that time.

June, July and August are designated as tentative, as has been past practice with the exception of 2020.

Motion to approve the 2021 meeting schedule was made by Commissioner Turk, seconded by Commissioner Terry, with all members present voting aye.

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NAYS: (0)

Directors Report:

Director Klingelsmith reported on the following topics:

- Upcoming grant projects
 - Winter Sports Park pavilion over the hockey rink – Natural Resources Trust Fund;
 - Skyline property land acquisition – Natural Resources Trust Fund;
 - Pennsylvania Park – Land and Water Conservation Fund; and
 - Waterways Commission – Replacement of marina fuel tanks
- Project update
 - City Hall rooftop solar demonstration project;
 - Lake Street Dam – Commissioner Buchanan indicated potential funding available through the Fisheries Division of the DNR for engineered drawings of options;
 - Pier A has some concrete settling due to high water and fill spillage. Baird will be evaluating on January 12;
 - Shoreline erosion update – addressing Ed White field and the playground area. Fortifying with revetment until a longer term solution is identified; and
 - LTW/US-31 reroute update – Continuing to discuss options for reroute/commerce route on the south side of US-31

Miscellaneous

Director Klingelsmith thanked the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for the support of portable tents, heaters and building modifications to the Winter Sports Park. Having an organization willing to fund the unique needs of the City to provide outdoor recreation is yet another reason why Petoskey is a great community to work in.

Commissioner Walker recognized former Glen H. Casey award winner Margaret Ruemenapp.

Commissioner Buchanan thanked former Chairperson Mike Morey for his commitment to the board. Although she had not been a part of the board for very long, she appreciated Mr. Morey's perspective and leadership.

Commissioner Turk also thanked Mr. Morey for his leadership and commented that he will be missed.

Commissioner Terry thanked Mr. Morey for his service to the City of Petoskey.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Turk.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Schemanski, Terry, Turk, Walker (6)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8, 2021. The meeting will be held virtually and in person for Commission members.

Minutes reviewed and approved by Kendall Klingelsmith, Director of Parks and Recreation.