



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

March 8, 2021

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held virtually, on Monday, March 8, 2021. Roll was called at 7:01 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Jennifer Buchanan
Jerry Bush
Jon Terry
Ken Turk

Absent: Paul Schemanski

Absent with Notification: Sharon Walker

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

Attendees: 13

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, February 8, 2021 meeting were read and approved. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Bush, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Terry, Turk (4)
NAYS: (0)

Agenda Approved

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

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Terry, Turk (4)
NAYS: (0)

New Business

Glenn H. Casey Award Recommendations:

Director Klingelsmith gave a background on the Glenn H. Casey Award, which is presented annually typically to an individual who has positively impacted the recreation programs and community. With 2020 being atypical, the criteria shifted to more of a community impact nomination. Bill Hansen, Jr., along with the staff at Bill and Carol's partnered with the City to pass out free meals last spring. Over 1,000 meals (sandwiches, water, chips and fruit) were distributed from the Winter Sports Park. Bill and Carol's prepared all of the meals. Additionally Bill Hansen, Jr. was a long-standing member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. His contribution to the community, along with Bill and Carol', made an extraordinary impact in 2020. The Commission supported the nomination of Bill Hansen, Jr. and Bill and Carol's but elected to wait until the April meeting to make an official nomination, as two members were not in attendance.

Directors Report

Director Klingelsmith gave updates on the two Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grants (Winter Sports Park and Boor Property Acquisition) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (Park Avenue). Grants are due April 1 but will be submitted the week of March 22. The Waterways grant submission for the fuel storage upgrades has been submitted already. The Director informed the Commission of a grant award from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$9,000 for some native shoreline plantings to help with the erosion. The plantings will be an interpretive demonstration focusing on the "living shoreline" concept.

He then gave an update on the City Hall Solar Demonstration and the Iron Belle Bridge projects and informed the Commission that the 2021 Tree Planting Project bid had been awarded to David Hoffman Landscaping and Nursery, Inc.

The Director reflected on the Winter Sports Park season. The revenue budget was estimated to be \$17,000 and, as of last week, actuals were \$16,800. The numbers reflected the importance of having quality outdoor recreation opportunities for the community. The Winter Sports Park operations were modified to accommodate social distancing and gathering limitations. The lodge was not open, nor were concessions; however, it ended up being a very busy and successful season.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Turk acknowledged students in the virtual audience and asked if they had any questions. None responded.

Commissioner Terry asked about anticipated water levels for 2021. Director Klingelsmith responded with what the Army Corp of Engineering and NOAA have estimated, which are lower than last year. Spring will be the determining factor in summer water levels.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Bush.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Terry, Turk (4)
NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 12, 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.