



## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

October 11, 2021

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Petoskey City Hall Council Chambers, on Monday, October 11, 2021. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Ken Turk, Chairperson  
Jennifer Buchanan, via Zoom, City of Petoskey, Emmet County  
Jerry Bush  
Paul Schemanski  
Jon Terry  
Sharon Walker  
Cody Wilcox

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

### **Minutes Approved**

Minutes of the Monday, September 13, 2021 meeting were read and approved. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Schemanski, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Schemanski, Terry, Turk, Walker, Wilcox (7)  
NAYS: (0)

### **New Business**

#### **Capital Improvements Plan Presentation**

Director Klingelsmith provided the approved Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and reviewed years 2022 and 2023. The full plan, including the long term lacking funding items, was provided. Director Klingelsmith indicated the house at 620 Ingalls, which is identified in the CIP for demolition by the City, will likely be advertised for bid. This will benefit the City in saving costs of demolition and also put the property back on the tax rolls. Commissioner Buchanan asked what the taxes would be. Staff will find out what the zoning of the property is and get back to Commissioner Buchanan with an answer. Commissioner Walker asked about maintenance of the Boor property should it be purchased. Klingelsmith indicated, if awarded the grant, the plan would be to pursue a mountain bike course on the property and maintenance would be minimal. Many of the projects would be grant funded so the schedule of these projects are contingent upon the process.

#### **Livable Shoreline Demonstration Project Presentation**

Director Klingelsmith presented about the newly planted livable shoreline demonstration project located in the promenade playground and marina launch ramp areas. The project was funded by a grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation through their Little Traverse Bay Restoration Fund, with support from the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. The project features native

plant species, compost from Emmet County and services of local contractors. This is a project to address shoreline resiliency and landscaping best practices. Presentation is included.

### **Directors Report**

Director Klingelsmith gave updates on the Little Traverse Wheelway resurfacing project. The improvements will begin 1,080 feet east of West Park and go 1,750 feet. The Capital Needs Assessment is in the review stages. There will be a presentation at the November Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. This has been a very enlightening project. Commissioners will be able to see a “real” number for maintaining and replacing our current inventory. Hopefully this will spark a serious funding conversation with the Commission. Solanus Mission Beach project appears to be headed in the right direction. Director Klingelsmith received notification about the project funding. The City has received a draft grant agreement, budget and associated administrative paperwork for review until the final version is sent from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

The parks are in fall maintenance mode. Park irrigation systems are being winterized and the restrooms will be shut down this week. Leaves are the next big time consuming project so staff is working hard to keep pace with the maintenance issues.

Recreation programs are making a great comeback after last year’s cancellations. Flag football has 60 participants and soccer has 130 participants. Staff is currently working with the high school basketball program to put together the winter youth basketball. Gym time is being added as well for adult basketball league and open gym.

Staff submitted a grant for an archery program that would take place in the spring and fall.

### **Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Buchanan would like to have a discussion at a Commission meeting about invasive species and what the City does to address the issue(s).

Commissioner Terry asked if the resignation of the City Manager will slow or stop any progress or affect the Director’s job. Director Klingelsmith indicated the projects have been in motion for a long time and he does not feel they will be slowed down by the change. He said many worthwhile projects were completed under the former City Manager’s tenure, thanking him for his leadership and wishes good luck moving forward.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Schemanski, seconded by Commissioner Bush.

YEAS: Buchanan, Bush, Schemanski, Terry, Turk, Walker, Wilcox (7)

NAYS: (0)


The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 8, 2021. The meeting will be held at Petoskey City Hall.

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

# Livable Shoreline Demonstration Project



## Different problems require different solutions

- Record level high water
  - 100 year storms
  - Unique storm surges
  - Overtopping causing shoreline erosion
  - Vulnerable location on shoreline
  - Education and understanding on cause and effect
  - Professional resources to assist with solutions
    - Watershed Council
    - PHSACF - Funding
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# Project details

- Little Traverse Bay Restoration Fund – PHSACF - \$9,000
- Plant Species
  - Prairie Dropseed
  - Purple Coneflower
  - Penn Sedge
  - Allium
  - Gro Low Sumac
- Compost from Emmet County Recycling
- Interpretive signage (currently in production)

## Before and After (North End)





## Before and After (Middle Area)



## Before and After (Boat launch)



Questions??

