



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

December 12, 2022

1. Call to Order – 7:00 P.M., City Hall Community Room
2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of Monday, October 24, 2022 Meeting
3. Approval of Agenda as Presented
4. New Business
 - a. Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates/Times
 - b. Recommendation to City Council to approve a resolution of support for the 2023-2027 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - c. Directors Report
 - a. Little Traverse Wheelway EGLE Infrastructure Grant
5. Public Comment: This is an opportunity for the public to comment on items not on the meeting agenda
6. Commissioner Comments
7. Adjournment



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 24, 2022

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Petoskey City Hall Community Room, on Monday, October 24, 2022. Roll was called at 6:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Ken Turk, Chairperson
Jennifer Buchanan
Jerry Bush
Jon Terry
Sharon Walker
Cody Wilcox

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Public Present: Linda Guthrie, Petoskey Area Garden Club
Sue and Jim McLain, 114 Division Street

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, October 10, 2022 meeting were read and approved. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Terry, with all members present voting aye.

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

The agenda was approved with a motion for approval made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, with all members present voting aye.

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

New Business

Park and Recreation Master Plan Review

Director Klingelsmith presented a powerpoint which highlighted the process, results, goals and conclusions of the Master Plan. The Commission reviewed and recommended edits throughout the plan. The Director suggested to the Commission they continue to review the plan and have any revisions to the Director by Monday, October 31, 2022. The draft of the plan will begin the 30-day review process on November 7, 2022 and will be available on the City website until December 9, 2022. The plan will go to the Parks and Recreation Commission on December 12, 2022 for their recommendation then ultimately to City Council for their approval and resolution. The plan, in its final version will be delivered to the State by February 1, 2023.

Public Comment

Jim McLain, 114 Division Street, asked for more detail on the Little Traverse Wheelway slope failure fix and indicated the public is curious and needs to be updated.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Buchanan informed the Commission there are EGLE grants available.

Commissioner Terry commented he reviewed the public comments along with our priorities indicated in the Master Plan and feels the document was able to capture all of the elements effectively.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Walker, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 14, 2022. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at Petoskey City Hall.

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



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2022

DATE PREPARED: December 6, 2022

AGENDA SUBJECT: Annual Organizational Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: Confirm meeting times

The Parks and Recreation Commission will propose to meet at **6:00 P.M.** on the following dates:

January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12*
July 10*
August 14*
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

* if needed



BOARD: Parks and Recreation Commission

MEETING DATE: December 12, 2022 **DATE PREPARED:** December 6, 2022

AGENDA SUBJECT: Action on Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027

RECOMMENDATION: Endorse plan and forward to City Council for adoption.

Background. Commission members, based upon their review and knowledge of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 and comments received at the public hearing on said plan, shall consider formally endorsing the plan and recommend to City Council that they adopt the plan.

Sample Resolution. That the Parks and Recreation Commission formally endorse the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 and further recommend to City Council that they consider adoption of said plan and direct City staff to submit the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for review and approval. Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, with Commissioners voting on said motion.

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC REVIEW

Hi Tina-

Thanks for forwarding the Master Plan! I looked over the plans for parks, mostly scanning but I was happy to see Children's Garden at the top of Arlington Park's list of improvements. Garden Club has been planning this project for more than five years now- we have a great plan and are anxiously awaiting approval from Parks and Rec and City Council so that we can seriously begin fundraising and maybe plant a starter hedge. Will hope for and appreciate your support!

Thanks much,

Sandy Selden

I am encouraged by a plan to improve kayak launch on S. side of Sheridan St. I assume this would also function as a retrieval site for kayakers who launch upstream, such as Bear River Rd. The present stone steps with no railing are unsafe.

Margo Hodder
824 Michigan St.

Wow. Very impressive. Looked over the winter complex and North Country Trail. Both of these are of personal interest. I encourage your continued favor, particularly, of these two projects.

Art (in CA)

Hello, Kendall,

I hope you are enjoying the festivities of the season. I enjoyed a summer-like walk on that day in November when Petoskey's crew was putting up the holiday lights. This inspired me to do the same at my home. Thank you!

Also, thank you for arranging for the planting of a maple tree on the Waukazoo tree lawn near my home. I am excited to see it leaf out in the spring. Very much appreciated!

I also appreciate that the 2022-2027 Park and Recreation Master Plan draft is on the city's website for public review, and that you have solicited comments. Here is some of my feedback:

I see that the survey was open to people outside the city limits. According to question #1, about 50% of respondents live in Petoskey. When you and others are reviewing survey respondent's answers and comments, are non-tax payer opinions factored into decision making? My thought is that it generally should not.

A number of people were concerned that they only learned about the survey from a neighbor or friend. I am in that category. Is there some mechanism by which residents could "opt in" to receiving

communications about meetings, surveys, and so forth? This way, people who would like to be informed and involved, would know how and when to do so.

A couple respondents commented on their dismay at the loss of the three large maple trees at Curtis Park and the inability to be informed or to express their views ahead of their removal. I am also of that view. (Somehow my survey disappeared before I could get to that specific park for comments, and I could not retrieve my partially complete survey.) One person said that the Curtis family, in donating land for Curtis Park, stipulated that the park should remain "facility and improvement free." Do you know if this is true? If so, does Petoskey have any obligation to honor that? I support minimal changes to this park.

I would like to add weight to the "wild idea" (self-described) by one respondent that the waterfront could be a location for a "pathway ice rink." This person mentioned Edmonton, Alberta. Also, Muskegan has a 1/4 mile ice path through woods as part of their Winter Luge Complex. We plan to go down this winter to experience it. Harbor Springs, a few years back, converted their ice rink to a super fun Glow Skate experience, with strobe lighting projected on the rink, glow sticks, and a DJ on the rink. The Winter Sports Park is an absolute treasure, and I would love to see more activities there as well as the tow rope returned to functional use.

Overall, regarding city parks, I think the nearby neighbors should be informed, and have a chance to provide input, whenever any improvements or changes are being considered.

Thank you!

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