



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

February 13, 2023

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Petoskey City Hall Community Room, on Monday, February 13, 2023. Roll was called at 6:01 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Jennifer Buchanan, Vice Chairperson
Jerry Bush
Suzanne Coveyou
Jon Terry
Sharon Walker
Cody Wilcox

Absent with notification: Ken Turk, Chairperson

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, January 9, 2023 meeting were read and approved. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Bush, with all members present voting aye.

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

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

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NAYS: (0)

New Business

Welcome Suzanne Coveyou – Resort Township Representative

The Commission welcomed Suzanne Coveyou, who was appointed to the Commission as the Resort Township representative. Commissioners introduced themselves and Mrs. Coveyou shared information about herself. All are excited to have her on the Commission.

Discussion regarding a submittal for hockey boards for the Winter Sports Park through the MDNR Passport Program

Director Klingelsmith gave a status update on the fundraising efforts for the Winter Sports Park project and indicated an opportunity for additional funding through the MDNR Passport Grant program. The application would be for replacement of the hockey dasher boards. The current boards were purchased used in 1992 and are obsolete. There are enough funds (\$75,000) available through the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation to use as matching funds with a request of \$150,000 through the program for a total of \$225,000. Klingelsmith shared pictures of what the dasher boards could look like and asked for a recommendation to City Council for submittal of the grant.

“The Parks and Recreation Commission, after review of the project, shall consider recommending that City Council authorize the submittal of a Passport Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requesting funding for 67% of the proposed project, which is \$225,000. The City has \$75,000 accessible through the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation to be used as match funds. The money has been raised by the “Friends of the Winter Sports Park.”

Commissioner Walker submitted the above motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, with all members present voting aye.

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NAYS: (0)

Directors Report

Director Klingelsmith updated the Commission on the status of the Winter Sports Park roof and building repair, indicated the tree planting program was out to bid and the clock tower canisters have been delivered. The clock tower will be back in working order by early spring.

Public Comment

Linda Guthrie from the Northern Michigan Master Gardener’s Club and a city resident inquired about the tree species this year.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bush updated the Commission on Bear Creek Township’s commitment to install a kayak launch off of Click Road. Bear Creek Township also applied for a Spark grant in hopes to renovate the restrooms at Spring Lake Park.

Commissioner Walker would like to see a PBS series on Petoskey.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 13, 2023. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at Petoskey City Hall.

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