



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

March 13, 2023

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Petoskey City Hall Council Chambers, on Monday, March 13, 2023. Roll was called at 6:02 P.M. and the following were:

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

Staff: Kendall Klingelsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Others: Sandy Selden, Petoskey Area Garden Club

Minutes Approved

Minutes of the Monday, February 13, 2023 meeting were read and approved. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

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

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NAYS: (0)

New Business

Presentation on the proposed Children's Garden at Arlington Park

Director Klingelsmith introduced Sandy Selden, Petoskey Area Garden Club, who educated the Commission on the history of the project. Mrs. Selden introduced Tim Knutsen, Landscape Architect from Beckett and Raeder, who went through the features of the concept.

The Commissioners enjoyed and appreciated the thought process, particularly the Native American cultural references, of the project and are excited about the next steps.

Directors Report

Director Klingelsmith invited the Commissioners to participate either by volunteering or bringing the family to the Easter Egg hunt on April 8th at 10:00 A.M. The City and Emmet County have been

discussing sharing resources for community events and this will be the first one of hopefully many more.

The League of Women Voters is hosting an Arbor Day Celebration on May 13th from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Winter Sports Park. The event will have arts and crafts and educational components on tree care, maintenance, species and disease identification by a local forester. This celebration will be highlighted as part of the Tree City, USA certification.

Reminder of the Glenn H. Casey nominations in April. Zach Yonker from the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association and Josh Swiss who is involved with the Petoskey High School wrestling were carry over candidates from 2022.

Public Comment

Keith Munson, 1041 Waukazoo Avenue, spoke against the Winter Sports Park All Season Pavilion and would rather see resources put toward the rope tow.

Nancy Dwan, 1004 Waukazoo Avenue, indicated her disappointment in the short season at the Winter Sports Park and also petitioned the Commission to support a "Citizen Tree Committee."

Linda Guthrie, 611 Harvey Street, and a representative of the Emmet County Master Gardeners identified a tree species in the tree bid that she thinks is not a good choice.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Coveyou expressed her excitement about the Community Garden and wondered if it could be shared with the Commission.

Commissioner Wilcox likes the Children's Garden concept and thanked the group for their efforts.

Commissioner Terry, speaking on behalf of himself, feels the Winter Sports Park is a gem for Petoskey and is happy to see improvements. He expressed the investment by the City into the park and does not feel there is enough support for a focus on the ski tow at this point. However, it could be a priority in the future.

Commissioner Walker thanked Ms. Selden and the Garden Club for their vision of the Children's Garden.

Commissioner Turk feels the Children's Garden is a fantastic use of space at Arlington Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, with all members present voting aye.

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

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 10, 2023. The meeting will be held in the City Community Room at Petoskey City Hall.

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