



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

January 11, 2016

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, January 11, 2016. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairman
Amy McMullen, Vice Chairperson
Jim Daunter
William Hansen, Jr.
Mike Morey
Ken Turk

Staff: Al Hansen, Parks and Recreation Director

Minutes of the Monday, November 9, 2015, meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Amy McMullen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Turk (6)
NAYS: (0)

Election of Officers

Commission members were asked to nominate and elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson to conduct the official meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission for 2016. The current Chairperson being Roy Pulaski and the current Vice Chairperson being Amy McMullen.

At this time, William Hansen, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Mike Morey, to re-elect Chairperson Roy Pulaski and Vice Chairperson Amy McMullen. All members present voted aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Turk (6)
NAYS: (0)

Winter Sports Park Update

Commission members heard a report concerning the Winter Sports Park and were advised that on December 30, 2015 the park opened for sledding and that on January 6, 2016 the main ice rink was opened for public skating with weather conditions forcing the closure January 8th through 10th. Park crews plan to have the park reopened on January 11, 2016.

Commission members were also informed that sign-ups for downhill skiing and snowboard lessons were underway and that the lessons will again be held at Nub's Nob Ski Resort and will begin on Sunday, January 24, 2016 and run for three consecutive Sundays. Sign up for figure

skating lessons are also underway with lessons starting on January 12, 2016 at the Petoskey Winter Sports Park.

This year's Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016. Events are planned throughout the day and this year's events will also coincide with planned downtown events held on the same weekend.

Update on Phase II of the Downtown Greenway Corridor Plan

Commission members were given a brief background that on July 27 and July 28, 2015, workshops were held on the original Downtown Greenway Corridor Plan to receive input on the plan and the next phases of the corridor development. On September 14, 2015, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the workshop summaries and made recommendations for plan changes to City Council. City Council reviewed the recommendations for revisions to the plan and gave final direction to staff to have the Downtown Greenway Corridor Master Plan updated. On January 12, 2016, the firm of Beckett and Raeder, Inc. will be meeting with City staff for initial review of the newly drafted Greenway Corridor Master Plan. City staff will review the plan to insure proper revisions were addressed. The landscape architect will then be directed to prepare the plan for presentation and review by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and City Council. The review and approval process is anticipated to be completed by March 1st so that a grant application for phase II construction can be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources no later than April 1, 2016.

Review of Approved Non-Motorized Facilities Plan

On Monday, January 4, 2016, City Council approved a Non-Motorized Facilities Plan recommended by Planning Commission. One of the strategies added to the 2014 City Master Plan was to update the 2010 Sidewalk Plan to a non-motorized facilities plan to better address the needs of cyclists as well as pedestrians. The plan recommends changes to road right-of-ways that would enhance use by bicyclists while restructuring on-street parking in some areas. The plan elements, when implemented within certain areas, will require new pavement marking, signage and enforcement. The plan was then reviewed with Commission members for their enlightenment.

Wolvering Run – Inline Stage Race Event Memo

At this time the Director shared with Commission members a memo concerning a newly planned statewide event called the Wolverine Run – Inline Stage Race and that the City has agreed to be a host venues for the Stage III portion of this inline skating event which is a 66 mile leg from Petoskey to Traverse City, scheduled for October 4, 2016 if the race receives final authorization and funding. The memo also contained the course route through the City of Petoskey and terms under which the race organizers will have to function and agree to.

2016 Parks Project Update

Commission members were informed that two major projects have been scheduled for improvements within the City's Parks and Recreation purview. The first being the Marina Re-decking Project. The Director informed Commission members that in 2015, the City sought and received a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Division to re-deck a portion of Pier B at the Petoskey Marina and for relocation and construction of a new gas dock office located on that pier. Projected estimated cost for this project is \$278,326, of which \$139,163 will be grant funded. The balance will be coming from the Marina Reserve Fund.

Plans and specifications for this project have been completed and the project has been publically advertised and bids are due at 2:00 P.M. on February 9, 2016. If bids are approved, construction is expected to begin in the early spring of 2016.

The second project is the Upper Tennis Court Renovation Project. Commission members were informed that plans and specifications for the renovation of the upper tennis courts are being prepared by Petoskey Public Schools architects and the project which was originally slated for 2015 is now planned to begin June 2016 and be completed for the fall tennis season. The Petoskey Community Courts fund drive is still underway with the group closing in on its final funding goal which has a minimum goal of \$255,000.

Recently the City of Petoskey received a grant of \$25,000 from the Petoskey Rotary Fund and has received indications that Bear Creek Township will also be forwarding \$10,000 toward this project in 2016 which should enable the group to reach its original project goal. The group is now fundraising for amenities and further improvements to the courts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Mike Morey, seconded by Amy McMullen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, Hansen, McMullen, Morey, Pulaski, Turk (6)

NAYS: (0)

The next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the City Hall Parkside room.



Allen L. Hansen
Director of Parks and Recreation