



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

March 14, 2016

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Hall Main Floor Lobby, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, March 14, 2016. Roll was called at 7:00 P.M. and the following were:

Present: Roy Pulaski, Chairperson  
Amy McMullen, Vice Chairperson  
Jim Daunter  
Ken Turk

Absent: Bill Hansen, Jr.  
Mike Morey

Staff: Al Hansen, Parks and Recreation Director

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 16, 2016, meeting were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Ken Turk, seconded by Amy McMullen, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, McMullen, Pulaski, Turk (4)

NAYS: (0)

### **Public Hearing for Downtown Greenway Corridor – South Segment** **Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application**

At this time Chairperson Pulaski opened the advertised public meeting to take public comment on the development grant for the Downtown Greenway Corridor – South Segment for the Mitchell Street to Emmet Street project.

At this time the Director of Parks and Recreation gave a PowerPoint presentation on the grant application that included the project location, project history and the project description which included the development of the former rail corridor between Emmet Street to Mitchell Street to include a lighted, 10-foot wide concrete, universally accessible trail, landscaping improvements, trees, site amenities, trailhead and signage. This trail will link to the downtown Pennsylvania Park, the northern segment of the Downtown Greenway Corridor and the Little Traverse Wheelway. The director also reviewed project costs of \$506,400. The City intends to apply to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program for development monies in the amount of \$300,000 with a City match of \$206,400 for a project total of \$506,400. The City's match equates to 40.75%.

At this time the meeting was opened for public comment. There being no audience present, no comments were received from the general public.

The Parks and Recreation Commission had no questions on the grant proposal and at this time the public hearing was closed.

### **Commission Approves Grant Application**

The Parks and Recreation Commission, after hearing no comments at the public hearing conducted this evening on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application for the development of the Downtown Greenway Corridor – South Segment from Emmet Street to Mitchell Street, adopted a resolution requesting that the Petoskey City Council consider authorization and submission of the proposed application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for project grant funding of \$300,000 and to further consider authorizing the City Manager or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this project.

A motion was made by Ken Turk, seconded by Jim Daunter, that the resolution as drafted be adopted and that the City of Petoskey's Parks and Recreation Commission, acting as an appointed official, request that the City of Petoskey's City Council adopt a resolution to authorize Robert Straebel, City Manager, or his designee to serve as the City's representative for this project, authorize the submission of the application and request that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Board consider approval of the grant application for the Downtown Greenway Corridor – South Segment Project and provide grant funding in the amount of \$300,000. Resolution attached.

YEAS: Daunter, McMullen, Pulaski, Turk (4)

NAYS: (0)

#### **Miscellaneous**

At this time Chairperson Pulaski briefly discussed a letter that he had seen in the Petoskey News Review regarding the City's tree planting program and asked if there should be a response letter written.

At this time the Director advised that it was not the City's policy to respond to letters to the editor in the News Review and that nothing could be gained by responding. Commissioner Daunter, representing Resort Township, also concurred that a letter should not be written in response.

Chairperson Pulaski asked about the timetable of the marina project.

The Director advised that contracts have now been signed with Richter Construction, Inc. and that work is anticipated to begin in early April.

There was also a brief discussion regarding the April meeting and the potential of rescheduling it if vacation conflicts are encountered with board members.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Jim Daunter, seconded by Ken Turk, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Daunter, McMullen, Pulaski, Turk (4)

NAYS: (0)

A next regular scheduled meeting will be held in April, with the date to be determined.



Allen L. Hansen  
Director of Parks and Recreation