

**Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Tuesday, December 16, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Springer called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Wiegand, Mike Springer, Pete LaRue, Dan Adamini, Paula Liimatta

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Jason McCarthy, Planner and Zoning Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve the agenda with addition of 7c. ice rink hours.*

LaRue, Moved / Adamini, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: October 21

MOTION: *Approve the minutes from December 16 without changes*

Adamini, Moved / Wiegand, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Wiegand provided an update on the warming building progress and a weather permitting timeline. He reported that he had received a complaint about the ice rink not being flooded. He enlisted the gentleman as a volunteer to help with the rink. He will attend the Board meeting to provide an update and proposed timeline for the building.

McCarthy previously e-mailed the 'sorry to inform you' letter from the manager of Grants Management on our 2014 Passport Grant Application. Sixty applications totaling 2.3 million were requested. Twenty-one were awarded from the \$877,500 that was available this year.

Springer reported on the two Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant Applications. The small, \$49,600 grant request was recommended for funding. We will receive notice once the legislature approves the funding. Historically, these recommendations have been funded.

A memo from Andra Ziems regarding the snow blowing the pedestrian pathway on the north side of Werner Avenue informs the community the Marquette County Road Commission will begin clearing the week of December 22nd.

McCarthy and Springer showed the presentation on the Multi-Jurisdictional Feasibility Study and why the Township needs to move forward with the recommendations of the study.

The Committee concurred with the recommendations of the study and requested the Board to consider moving forward on the recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lions Recreation Area Master Plan was discussed. It was agreed to consider an update in the spring.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Application Workshops will occur in the Upper Peninsula on January 13, 14 and 15. Springer will get the dates and the locations to the Committee.

Adamini expressed concerns about open skating vs. hockey practice designated rink time hours. It was noted that hockey teams are looking for places to practice. Liimatta questioned whether the ice would be rented out this year. The Committee agreed that the Township should monitor the situation this season and adjust accordingly.

INFORMATION/REPORTS:

Springer discussed the MNRTF development grant recommendations list.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT:

LaRue thanked Wiegand for taking the lead and making the ice rink and the warming building a reality. He enjoys seeing kids playing together outdoors.

Adamini would like to see a sledding hill.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:05 pm

LaRue, Moved / Liimatta, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **January 20, 2015** @ 5:30 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Wiegand and Springer