

**Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Tuesday, November 18, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Springer called the meeting to order at 5:32 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: Katrina Keough, Molly Phillips-Ombrello and Joe Ombrello

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve the agenda without changes.*

LaRue, Moved / Adamini, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: October 21

MOTION: *Approve the minutes from October 21 without changes*

Wiegand, Moved / LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Keough and Mr. & Ms. Ombrello reserved comment for items 6. a. and 7. d.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wiegand explained that the reorientation of the ice rink was due to elevation differences and the extra cost for fill. The rink slab is poured, boards are installed and the initial fencing is up. Lighting will follow soon.

Most of warming building can still be built this year. Wiegand explained the scope of work and the timeline. He planned to attend the Board Meeting at 7pm to request support for moving this forward.

A bucket of pucks have been accumulated by the Keough's and Ombrello's. Concerns regarding safety, fencing, parking and screening from noise and pucks was discussed.

Wiegand explained that number of parking spaces in the current plan is required to accommodate the parking spaces lost in closing Erie Street. Erie Street was closed primarily to increase the safety between Kiddies Park and Lions Field. An enclosed park, with perimeter parking, will improve the overall safety of the new Lions Recreation Area.

McCarthy assured Ms. Keough and the Ombrello's that the Township wants to be responsible neighbors and will continue to work with the residents affected by our community park. He indicated that downcast LED lighting will be used as it is the least intrusive and most economical to use. Lighting

is proposed to be on from dusk to 10 pm.

The Recreation Committee agreed to work towards increasing the protection from pucks as weather and schedules permit.

McCarthy distributed the final scoring of the three grants the Recreation Committee submitted. The Passport Application (RP14-0048) was raised from 150 to 160; the MNRTF Large Development Application (TF14-0195) went from 230 to 340; and the Small Development Application increased the most from 180 to 300. We should know in December what the legislators plan to fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Springer thanked Wiegand for his work on achieving a successful millage and a plan to fix our roads. He noted that a component of the plan considers Complete Streets. Plans to address the clearing of the Werner Street utility strip was discussed and moved to the next agenda.

Springer would like to revisit the final Multi-Jurisdictional Recreational Authority Feasibility Study. Adamini initially had reservations and later offer suggestions on how it might work. McCarthy, LaRue and Liimatta requested Board approval and suggested introducing the idea to the Board under public comment.

McCarthy provided a draft of an easement agreement for the east twenty feet of Lot 528. The easement would grant the Ombrellos control of twenty feet portion of the most western line in the northwest corner of Lions Recreation Area and their eastern property line. The easement is specific to their ownership and reverts to the Township upon the Ombrellos transferring or selling their property.

MOTION: To recommend to the Board the easement agreement as written.

LaRue, Moved / Liimatta, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

McCarthy updated the Committee on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail / Township / Menard proposed access and easement. Non-motorized access was the intent. Motorized access for snowmobiles presents different advantages as well as US 41 crossing issues. He envisioned different amenities and will keep the Committee updated on progress this potential access point.

INFORMATION/REPORTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:39 pm

LaRue, Moved / Liimatta, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting: Tuesday, **December 16** @ 5:30 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Wiegand and Springer