

**Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – 6:15 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center
Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Springer called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason McCarthy, Ron DeMarse, Ryan Nummula

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *To approve the agenda as amended*

Adamini, Moved / LaRue, Supported **Carried: Unanimously**

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: March 18, 2014 meeting.

Carried over to the next regularly scheduled meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEW BUSINESS:

a. The Iron Range Roll

Ryan Nummula, co-chair of 40 Below Young Professionals of Marquette County, gave a brief presentation of the Iron Range Roll event and requested the support and assistance of the Township with the relay stop and aid station to be located at the Schwemwood Park Trailhead. Additional assistance was requested with traffic control at IOHT crossings at County Road 492 and South Vandeenboom Road.

Committee discussion ensued regarding the level and specifics of Recreation Committee and Township involvement.

Planner McCarthy recommended the Northwood parking lot, as opposed to the Schwemwood Trailhead, due to its more accommodating size and location to the IOHT. The Recreation Committee will visit the Northwood site on May 7th @ 2:30 with a recommendation to follow.

Additional discussions reviewed the need for Aid Station staffing and Law Enforcement presence. Ron DeMarse commented that while the Fire Department would help with the Aid Station, a request should be made through Marquette General Hospital if an on-site ambulance is desired.

The Recreation Committee will forward the request for Township support and financial assistance through the Manager to the Planning Commission and Board.

MOTION: *To recommend Township support for the Iron Range Roll to include funding, as necessary, for required facilities in the vicinity of Schwemwood/IOHT Trailhead and safe crossings at County Road 492 and South Vandenboom Road.*

Wiegand, Moved / Adamini, Supported *Carried: Unanimously*

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Donor Letter with copy of proposed Schwemwood Park Sign
Planner McCarthy will provide an updated sign for installation @ May 10th cleanup.
- b. Park Maintenance and Signage
 - 1. Schwemwood Park – Saturday May 10th from 11:00 until 1:00 pm
 - 2. Lion’s Field Spring Clean Up – Saturday, May 17th
Wiegand will check Lion’s Field the week before scheduled cleanup.
 - 3. National Trails Day – Saturday, June 7th

Committee Member Comment: Wiegand commented regarding the recently received Cliff’s/Lundin Grant for the construction of the warming shed at Lion’s Field. “We need to discuss this in detail at our next meeting to ensure the successful completion of the warming shed, ice rink, and Kiddie Park by years end. We need to make sure that we get the best value for our money and use volunteer labor and donated materials whenever possible. Lion’s Field has always received a lot of community support and I am sure this year’s addition to our facilities will be no exception”.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

MOTION: *To adjourn at 6:50 pm*

Wiegand, Moved / LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20th @ 5:30 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by Wiegand and Springer