

Marquette Township Recreation Committee

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Marquette Township Community Center

1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30pm

2) Roll Call: Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Todd Carruth, Mike Springer

Absent: Dan Adamini (excused)

Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Izaak Peterson, Staff Planner

Public: Scott Smith, Lowes; Nikki Hanner, Lowes; Mike Brunet, Noquemanon Trail Network; Jeremy Moran, Frisbee Golf Club 906

3) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda with changes moving Lowes Privilege Comment to Unfinished Business 7a, read Manager Girard email under Public Comment, and add New Business item 8b. Work Session Date and Time

*Wiegand, Moved
LaRue, Supported*

Carried: Unanimously

4) Previous Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2017

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 16, 2017

*Wiegand, Moved
Supported, LaRue*

Carried: Unanimously

5) Privileged Comment: moved to 7a

6) **Public Comment:** Springer read Manager Girard's e-mail of June 14. Girard recommended considering future development on the five acre parcel the Township is in the process of selling as we plan for additional trails and other recreational uses. He asked to consider staffing needs for our current and future recreational facilities and to address undeveloped 'right of Ways for non-motorized future use. "We are seeing increased requests to abandon undeveloped ROW's and they need to be preserves for our future use."

7) **Unfinished Business:**

2017 Lions Recreation Area Pathway & Schwemwood Park Projects

Scott Smith explained the Lowes Heroes' grant. As soon as Lowes receives the specs on what we need they can get to work on it. Lowes would like to get many of their employees involved in the project. Landscaping and planting was suggested. McCarthy will try to get the alternative school to assist in order that students have more ownership in the park.

Springer discussed UPEA's April 18 site plan for Lions Recreation Area. Wiegand suggested moving this to a work session.

Mike Brunet discussed a "Single Track" from Lost Creek to the Schwemwood Park Trailhead and eventually the underpass. Noquemanon Trail Network would cover the trails maintenance and liability. If there is a conflict with using the existing bridge, NTN would work with Walmart to cross further north. Springer will provide a map with the GPS track he recorded with Brunet last fall.

Frisbee Golf Course at Schwemwood Park

Jeremy Moran has played over 110 courses in eight states. He has a good understanding of what attracts people and what turns them off. He will walk the park and layout a tentative plan.

Wiegand would like to see a map of the park which shows how all these trails relate.

Increased maintenance needs at Lions Recreation Area & Schwemwood

Springer noted the 'Expanded Maintenance Needs at Lions Recreation Area' list that the Committee put together last October. Wiegand discussed budgets and the need for an employee to focus on recreational amenities maintenance. LaRue would like to look at the structure of how and when maintenance is performed. McCarthy suggested contacting Northern Michigan University for interns. Wiegand would like the Committee to explore the 'what ifs'. Coming up with different ideas is the job of the Committee.

McCarthy requested that the Committee give some direction and generate some ideas. This could be a one topic one hour work session.

LaRue referred to the warming building as looking like a bus stop. The mats need to be picked up and the building thoroughly cleaned.

Carruth suggested having Chad Nyberg meet with us. The Committee spoke positively about working with Mr. Nyberg. Wiegand volunteered to discuss this with Manager Girard.

Grant funding applications for US 41 underpass 2017/2019

McCarthy is working with Mark Daavettila of UPEA to wrap up a 'punch list' and resubmit to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, MDNR. The Committee discussed the location of the drinking fountain and the internal existing tap off of the Warming Building.

Roads, Complete Streets, and a non-motorized transportation map

Peterson distributed a three page packet of six Marquette Township Planning maps. an overall Township Natural, Cultural & Scenic Resources; Urban Corridor Cultural & Scenic Resources; an overall Non-Motorized Trails Map; a close up of the Non-Motorized Trails in the Urban Corridor; an overall Complete Streets; and the planned and proposed Complete Streets in the Urban Corridor. He asked for suggestions and feedback.

Consider Green Infrastructure Map

McCarthy discussed including the State of Michigan owned property as another layer to the green space on the maps Peterson provided. It would include part of the NTN South Trails as green infrastructure. This will be another GIS map layer.

Content of four signs at Schwemwood Park & the IOHRA trailhead plans

McCarthy is looking forward to working with Peterson on gathering more information for the signs next month. On May 20, Springer noticed that an arrow or bolt was shot into the parking lot sign.

Warming Building Recognition Sign and Additional Signage at Lion's Pavilion

McCarthy and LaRue still plan to meet and put together additional signage at Lions Pavilion.

Recreation Plan Update

Springer recognized he missed item 7e. He noted the three pages from the 2014 Goals and Objectives in the packet. McCarthy recommended jumping into this in earnest in the fall.

8) New Business:

Undeveloped Right of Ways, ROWs

Springer requested if Peterson could provide the undeveloped ROWs maps he provided for the Road Committee.

Work Session Date and Time

The Committee agreed to meet at 1 pm, Thursday, June 22 in the Conference room of the Township Offices. LaRue recommended reserving the room.

9) Information Items/Reports:

Board Report

none

Planning Commission Report

none

Road Committee Report

Wiegand reported the Road Rehabilitation Projects of 2017 are just getting started. Ditch digging on Monday was strictly volunteers looking for a workout.

Zoning and Planning Report

Nothing further

10) Public Comment: none

11) Committee Member Comment:

LaRue asked Wiegand about his plans regarding maintenance. Wiegand will discuss this with Manager Girard in hopes to be able to work more closely with Mr. Nyberg.

12) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:20: pm

***Carruth, Moved
LaRue, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 5:30 PM*

Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand