

Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:31pm

2) Roll Call: Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Kellie Genschaw, Mike Springer
Absent: Todd Carruth (excused)
Staff: Izaak Peterson, Staff Planner; Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning
Administrator

Public: none

3) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda

LaRue, Moved

Wiegand, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

4) Election of Officers

Motion: To nominate Mike Springer to Chair for 2018.

Wiegand, Moved

Genschaw, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Motion: To nominate Todd Carruth as Vice Chair for 2018.

Wiegand, Moved

LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Motion: To nominate Dave Wiegand to be Secretary for 2018

LaRue, Moved

Genschaw, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

5) Previous Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2017

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 19, 2017

Wiegand, Moved

LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

6) Privileged Comment: none

7) **Public Comment:** none

8) **Unfinished Business:**

Lions RA and Schwemwood Park Projects

McCarthy reported that bids for the Passport pathway project at Lions Recreation Area will go out next month. Schwemwood will need some remaining earth-work and plantings in the spring. He will submit for the reimbursement of the \$50,000 from the 2015 Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund development grant.

Recreational maintenance needs - Budget Item - additional personnel needed

LaRue noted that the Board is looking at projected staffing needs.

Grant funding applications for US 41 underpass 2017/2019

McCarthy submitted the Department of Agriculture's 2018 Rural Development Application for \$100,000.

Springer requested, that the people that donated after the first "Thank You" letters went out, receive one as well. McCarthy will get a list to Springer. McCarthy explained Eagle Mine's roll in funding the 2018 Rural Development Grant.

Consider map for Recreation Plan Update

Peterson provided a new map to replace the center of the 'Donors Sign' at Schwemwood. He sees this as a starting point for conversation on the Schwemwood Park Master Plan, and part of Recreation Plan Update. Working with the Superior Watershed Partnership on Schwemwood Park is a good idea.

Springer would like to see a loop trail continue to the east side of the parking lot.

Recreation Plan Update

Springer distributed a page that compared the seven State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan objectives to the four goals in the current Plan. He also distributed two pages, that in his opinion, best summarizes recreational needs as identified by the 2011 Citizen Summary. Wiegand recommended the Committee take action on preparing for a discussion on Recreation Goals prior to our next meeting.

Action Item: Review the Seven Objectives of the SCORP and the four goals of our current Recreation Plan. Plan to draft goals at our next meeting for the 2018 update.

Content of four signs at Schwemwood Park

The map Peterson provided, along with the previous border noting donors, will be one of the four maps at Schwemwood.

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

McCarthy would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at Lions Recreation Area once all the pathway is installed this summer. We would invite all the stake holders and volunteers to be recognized.

9) **New Business:**

Grant funding for Recreational Equipment at Lions Recreation Area

LaRue talked to Sally Davis about funding swings at Lions. Manager Girard is submitting a grant to Rotary for that cause. A lengthy discussion on a future roof over the ice rink ensued.

2018 MDNR Recreation Grant Workshops 1/23, 1/24, and 1/25

Wiegand suggested that we explore grant opportunities a year from now. He suggested that, with a little planning, the matching funds could be raised through donations. A discussion on a trailhead in South Marquette Township and toilet facilities at Schwemwood took place.

10) Information Items/Reports:

Board Report

LaRue and Wiegand reported on next year's budget. There will not be any match money for any grants in 2018. All match money would have to be raised prior to any application the Board would consider.

Planning Commission Report

The Commission has started the process of updating the Master Plan. The Commission is reviewing Chapter 2, the 2011 Citizens Survey, and considering an on-line survey as well.

McCarthy would like the Commission to come up with a list of goals for this year.

Road Committee Report

Wiegand reported that the Committee recommended to the Board not to use the County for contracting road repair. In the spring, the roads that were part of the three year Road Rehabilitation Project will be evaluated. That data will be entered into our asset management program, which in turn will provide a 'Mix of Fixes' for those roads.

Zoning and Planning Report

McCarthy, in conjunction with Northern Michigan University, would like to see a 'Green vs. Gold' hockey tournament at the ice rink. He sees this as a great opportunity to show case the rink, the warming building and the park.

LaRue indicated he would bring the idea to Todd Noordyk and the Events Committee.

McCarthy provided some ideas on ways to fund some of the needs at the rink without charging rental fees. He also shared Manager Girard's concerns that will need to be addressed.

Genschaw is not sure that many people will attend, referring to attendance at Northern Michigan's Hockey games. She suggested having a warming fire for those that attend.

11) Public Comment: none

12) Committee Member Comment:

LaRue reported that Tim and Brenda Louma, neighbors on the north side of the ice rink, are constantly picking up hockey pucks. He suggested looking at the security camera tapes to see who is doing the slap shots. He hopes NMU may be able to help with the needed netting.

Genschaw noted she has been a resident of the Township for twenty-six years. She is looking forward to giving back to her community through her recent committee appointments.

13) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:12pm

***Wiegand, Moved
LaRue, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 5:30 PM*

Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand

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