

Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30 pm

- 2) Roll Call: Connor Loftus, Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Todd Carruth, Mike Springer**
Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planner and Zoning Administrator
Public: Molly Ombrello

3) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda

Carruth, Moved

LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

4) Previous Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2018

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 18, 2018

Wiegand, Moved

Carruth, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

5) Election of Officers for 2019

Motion: To appoint Mike Springer as Chair

LaRue, Moved

Carruth, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Motion: To appoint Todd Carruth as Vice Chair

Wiegand, Moved

Springer, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

Motion: To appoint Dave Wiegand as Secretary

LaRue, Moved

Carruth, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

6) Privileged Comment:

Connor Loftus (introduced as our newest Rec. Comm. member) is a graduate student at Northern Michigan University. He is involved in student government and is studying wildlife management with a focus on human dimensions and policy. He has held various wildlife and recreation management positions from Michigan to Munising.

7) Public Comment:

Molly Ombrello stated she was just attending to find out what is happening in the neighborhood.

8) Unfinished Business:

a) Recreation Plan Update - Goals, Objectives, Action Items - Third Draft

McCarthy provided hard copies of the current draft of the 2019 - 2023 Marquette Township Recreation Plan. He asked the Committee to consider the updated pages 22 - 23, Goals and Objectives, and pages 24 - 27, the Action Items for our next meeting.

b) Complete Streets vs. Non-motorized Planning Map

Springer requested a work session to plan for both non-motorized and Complete Streets routes.

***Action Item: Recreation Committee Work Session
5:30pm. Wednesday, January 23, 2019
Marquette Township Community Center***

c) Event Safety Information Record

Wiegand believes that people are over reacting to something that just helps inform event sponsors of emergency contact numbers, and the Township as to the time and location of an event. Springer will get more information from the Iron Range Roll.

9) New Business:

a) Action Items for 2019

Springer requested the Committee specifically consider pages 24 - 27, the Action Items for approval at our next meeting.

b) Future Recreation Funding Options

Springer noted the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund and Passport Grant Workshops are this month. Currently we have two previous awards that need to be completed. We also need to secure sources of matching funds prior to applying for any additional Michigan Department of Natural Resource grants.

c) Recognition and Signage for Lions Recreation Area

Wiegand recommended completing the grants and recognizing past volunteers and donors should be our first order of business if we hope to move forward with additional projects and maintain a volunteer base. To that end, he would like to see the recognition signs printed and presented to the volunteers at a Board Meeting. Springer will provide a list of names of the Warming Building Volunteers along with images. Carruth suggested some type of ribbon cutting on site, photo opportunity and possible press report. Wiegand requested reviewing the names and photos at next Wednesday's Work Session. Springer requested McCarthy bring a draft of the signage to the March meeting.

d) Ice Rink Roof

Wiegand noted that the Board has already approved moving forward with planning for a roof over the ice rink. He would like us to get a concept drawing to provide some images for the public. Wiegand explained the proposed roof design and how it will help retain hockey pucks.

10) Information Items/Reports:

a) Board Report

A discussion on the article in the Mining Journal took place resulting in McCarthy requesting to have a discussion on the Lost Creek to US-41 Underpass Connector Trail placed on the next agenda.

b) Planning Commission

Wiegand noted the main focus is on updating the Master Plan.

c) Road Committee Report

Wiegand reported that 'Requests for Proposals' are the next step in addressing the 2019 Road Maintenance Recommendations.

d) Zoning and Planning Report

McCarthy noted that the Downtown Development Authority passed a 1 mil tax that will be used to address lighting, connectivity, and access management.

11) Public Comment: None

12) Committee Member Comment:

Carruth attended the City's first public input session on their proposed Parks and Recreation Plan. There were two items of mutual interest, a dog park and a pump track. He inquired about shared facilities and working together in providing some recreation facilities and noted some interest on the part of the city employees. He would like us to move beyond the past and start by working on one project with the City, a dog park. Springer will place the concept of a mutually shared dog park on the next agenda.

13) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:15pm

Carruth, Moved

Wiegand, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

****Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand***