

Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 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: Izaak Peterson, Staff Planner
Public: none

3) Approval of Agenda:

***Motion: To approve the agenda with the addition of 7c. Sledding and
Tubing hill***

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

Carried: Unanimously

4) Previous Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 19, 2019, as amended.

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

Carried: Unanimously

5) Public Comment: None

6) Unfinished Business:

- a) Recreation Plan Update - Goals, Objectives, Action Items;**
- Springer provided suggested edits for our 5th, and hopefully, final draft.
- b) Complete Streets vs. Non-motorized Planning Map**
- Peterson provided three new maps based on the Committee's comments.
 - Springer noted that Powell Township would like to find permanent easements to connect Big Bay to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail via the underpass.
 - LaRue suggested contacting Sand's Supervisor, Darlene Walsh, to connect to trails there.
 - Wiegand suggested changing the map color to something that will stand out once the map is reduced to 11 x 8.5" size.
 - Peterson noted the Department of Natural Resources has part of the route figured out. He will find out what trail plans they have to connect Big Bay to the underpass.
- c) Event Safety Information Record;**
- A discussion on the need to know what events are happening in the Township and the opportunity to provide emergency contact information at the same time ensued.
- d) Recognition Signage for Lions Recreation Area;**

- Springer and Wiegand suggested that the names list should be in alphabetical order.
 - The Committee would like Planner McCarthy to pursue placement of the sign near the warming building.
- e) Ice Rink Roof;**
- Peterson reported that he and McCarthy met with a consultant regarding a conceptual drawing for the ice rink roof two weeks ago. Once the snow clears the consultant will be better able to assess the area.
- f) Dog Park;**
- Carruth offered to help move this forward, fully aware that it is up to staff to take the next steps.
- g) Spring Clean Up, May 18 and National Trails Day, June 1;**
- Springer will contact Manager Girard regarding the use of the Board Room from 9:50 - 10:20 am on May 18th. He will also send Carruth last year's Walmart supplies request list.
 - Wiegand requested some type of poster to be used for resident information at the Board meetings, and someone to post the event on our Facebook page.
 - Springer will draft an 8.5 x 11" poster and contact Noqueamanon Trail Network to request their assistance with clean up.

7) New Business:

- a) New Recreation Area - Forest Recreation Rezoning Proposal 2-19-19;**
- Wiegand reported that a Public Hearing is scheduled for the March 27 Planning Commission Meeting. If approved, it moves to the Board. It is then sent to the County for their input.
 - Peterson encouraged Carruth to attend at 7pm to represent the Recreation Committee.
- b) US 41 MDOT Project Tunnel Entrance Design;**
- Springer noted that McCarthy presented a conceptual design of the entrances at the last Planning Commission meeting.
 - Peterson noted the two front page articles on the tunnel. He also mentioned NTN's positive responses to their reposts of the Mining Journal articles on their Facebook page.
- c) Sledding and tubing hill location;**
- The Committee agreed that an overall plan for the "Well Road" properties should be considered if the rezoning occurs. A sledding and tubing hill could be part of an overall plan. It was further suggested, that to simply hold the property and totally restrict access didn't seem to be in the Resident's best interest.

8) **Information Items/Reports:**

a) **Board Report;**

- Wiegand announced the Board is considering the tunnel design and naming recommendation, a political sign ordinance, a storm water ordinance, and the recommended award for the 2019 Road Rehabilitation maintenance at tonight's meeting.

b) **Planning Commission;**

- Springer reported that the Commission had some work left to complete the storm water and political sign ordinance. The presentation to the Board tonight, is to gain further direction, in as much as it was their initial request that prompted the Commission to begin development.

c) **Road Committee Report;**

- Wiegand reported that the bid recommended for the Board's consideration tonight was from Fahrner and was under this year's budget. Additionally, some crack sealing was removed and replaced with recommendations for chip sealing to extend the life of the roads in question an additional 5 to 7 years. Work at Fair Avenue and Moran streets where also removed as it was felt they should be completed in conjunction with the MCRC

d) **Zoning and Planning Report: None**

9) **Public Comment: None**

10) **Committee Member Comment: None**

11) **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn at 6:10pm

Carruth, Moved

LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

****Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand***