

Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30 pm

2) Roll Call: Connor Loftus, Pete LaRue, Todd Carruth, Dave Wiegand, Mike Springer
Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator

3) Public: None

4) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda.

LaRue, Moved

Carruth, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

5) Previous Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2019

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 18, 2019.

Carruth, Moved

LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

6) Public Comment: none

7) Unfinished Business:

a) National Trails Day 2019 Report

Springer noted he had put together a slide show with a movie he had planned to share with the Committee and the Board. He will save the this for next year's introduction to National Trails Day and the Iron Range Roll.

b) Long Term Recreation Plans for Township Properties

McCarthy noted that this is now addressed in the Update to the Recreation Plan.

c) Recreation Plan Update - Goals, Objectives and Action Program

McCarthy provided the Committee a 28-page Update to the Recreation Plan. He included the latest Committee comments and asked that the Committee review and comment on this final draft.

Wiegand recommended all members return edits and recommendations to McCarthy prior to August 6th, to ensure inclusion into the draft prior to the next meeting.

d) Event Safety Information Record - NTN

McCarthy and Wiegand explained that what the Board is considering with NTN is different from the ESIR plans of the Committee. A draft reading of a trail agreement with NTN will occur at the Board Meeting tonight and hopefully will be moved to NTN for their review and consideration.

e) Recognition and Signage for Lions Recreation Area August 3, Announcement

McCarthy provided an updated KIDDEE PARK, ICE RINK & WARMING HOUSE DEDICATION Poster. Rotary has provided the sign. Wiegand volunteered to install the signs the last week of July. McCarthy also plans to update the information panel at the Lions Pavilion.

He will send a Google Earth Map of the park to the Committee to better indicate the sign location.

The Committee asked to have to invitations sent to the volunteers that assisted with the installation of the climbing structures, swings and warming building. The dedication will occur at Noon on Community Day, Saturday, August 3.

f) Ice Rink Roof / Conceptual Drawings / Planning Commission / Board / next

The Committee requested that the gable ends and overhang sides be extended to at least 6'. LaRue supported the extension noting the need for aggregate or stone around the rink.

McCarthy plans to have the Committee's revisions in a final conceptual rendering for the next meeting.

g) Spring Clean Up and Barbecue, June 22, 10am - 2pm

Springer recognized Carruth and LaRue for their contribution to another successful clean up. Volunteers Pete LaRue and Michele Moran worked with the Fellowship of volunteers through Todd Carruth.

Springer provided a draft letter he would like sent to Walmart recognizing the contribution they made to the Clean Up. Wiegand and McCarthy will move this forward.

7) New Business: None

8) Information Items/Reports: None!

a) Board Report

LaRue noted a Noquemanon Trail Network agreement proposed by legal will be reviewed at this evening's meeting.

Wiegand reported the Board will have a Public Hearing tonight on fire and emergency services millage request.

b) Planning Commission

McCarthy announced a site plan within the Cornerstone Development will be reviewed next Wednesday.

The Commission's main focus is on the Master Plan.

The Transportation Plan has been approved and will be included as an appendix into the Master Plan by the Commission.

c) Road Committee Report

Wiegand reported that the July Road Committee June 2nd meeting was cancelled.

9) Public Comment: None

10) Committee Member Comment:

Loftus will be out of town and unavailable to attend the next meeting. He offered to provide suggested edits to the Updated Recreation Plan before he leaves.

Regarding Spring Clean Up, Carruth would like to see a good two solid hours of work. Schwemwood Park is cleaner every year. Consider planting projects or other community needs. Springer and Carruth will discuss this further.

Springer walked an undeveloped ROW with William Truscott on Huron between East Avenue and Granite recently. A small amount of gravel would greatly improve this well used pedestrian access.

11) Meeting Adjourned at 6:12pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand*