

Marquette Township Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

- 1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30 pm
- 2) Roll Call: Pete LaRue, Todd Carruth, Dave Wiegand, Mike Springer
Absent: Connor Loftus
Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator

3) Public: None

4) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda with the addition of New Business 8a Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project, September 18

LaRue, Moved
Carruth, Supported **Carried: Unanimously**

5) Previous Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2019

Motion: To approve the minutes of July 16, 2019.

Carruth, Moved
LaRue, Supported **Carried: Unanimously**

6) Unfinished Business:

a) Recreation Plan Update - Full Draft Plan

McCarthy indicated that the final draft of the Recreation Plan Update is ready for the Planning Commission to consider as part of the Master Plan.

Motion: To move the Recreation Plan Update, as part of the Master Plan Update, to the Planning Commission.

Wiegand, Moved
Springer, Supported **Carried: Unanimously**

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

McCarthy has a contractor updating the conceptual drawings illustrating a wider roof overhang. He hopes to have an updated drawing for the next meeting.

c) Schwemwood Park Signage and photographic documentation for MNRTF grant fulfillment

Springer would like to see signs placed in the four locations where they empty frames are located. He also noted that part of the MNRTF grant fulfillment process is sending photographic documentation of the completed project.

McCarthy will contact Lowes regarding assistance with the landscaping and will photograph the completed project after.

Information posted in each of the sign locations was discussed at a previous Committee meeting and will be referenced for sign content.

7) New Business:

a) Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project - September 18

LaRue, Peterson and Springer attended the implementation kickoff meeting on January 29, 2019. Springer provided hardcopy information and will send digital copies with links on the upcoming September 18th meeting. He encouraged all Committee Members to attend as climate change will affect future recreation opportunities.

8) Information Items/Reports:

a) Board Report

The Board is considering budget amendments, buying a new vehicle and extending the Manager Contract at the August 20th meeting.

b) Planning Commission

McCarthy indicated that the Commission will consider two public hearing requests at the August 28 meeting. One will be the reconsideration of a denied Subaru site Bufferyard and a driveway access plan. The second will be a Development District land use request adjacent to Rural Residential property located along Brookton Road.

c) Road Committee Report

Wiegand reported that the Road Maintenance Contractor plans to be done by the end of August with a weather delay that would move completion to the first week in September.

d) Zoning and Planning Report

McCarthy was recently contacted by a representative of the Safe Routes to School Project. Based on our previous success, they inquired if the Township would be interested in applying for another grant. McCarthy believes that Commerce to Werner and Wright Street to Venture would be good additions. McCarthy would like to have the Committee consider working with the Downtown Development Authority for lighting and pedestrian access along the US 41 Corridor for the 2021 MDOT project.

Wiegand noted that previously there was a 20% match for a Safe Routes to Schools grant. Recently that match has been met by other agency. Which amounts to no capital outlay for the Township.

McCarthy would like the Board to consider another coalition of funding sources from a MDOT TAP grant, an MNRTF grant and a Safe Routes to Schools grant to be implemented during the 2021 MDOT project.

Wiegand talked to Andrea Ballard. She was interested in the possibility of connecting Commerce from Werner to US 41, connecting the school to US 41 and a pathway down Ryan's Alley.

LaRue would like to see a pathway along Brookton Road.

9) Committee Member Comment:

LaRue would like to see some recreation development in the south Township properties. McCarthy believes an outdoor/tent structure for music venues. Carruth is excited with the plan and the projects ahead. Springer enjoyed Catch the Vision Day and thanked McCarthy for photographing the event.

10) Meeting Adjourned at 6:09pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand*