

CITY OF HANCOCK
Minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
6:00 PM Council Chambers

Call to order by Chairperson Deb Mann, Roll Call, Quorum verified

Present: Deb Mann, Craig Pellizzaro, John Haeussler, John Diebel, Amanda Jackson, John Erickson, Michael Lancour

Also Present: Mary Babcock

Absent: Dave Dow

Moved by Member Haeussler and seconded by Member Jackson to approve the agenda with the following additions to Updates/ Discussion of two additional items: KNSC Trails Club; Hancock Public Schools.

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public comments: None

Communications: Multiple letters of support for Pickleball courts received and forwarded with grant proposal to PHF.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Moved by Member Diebel and seconded by Member Pellizzaro to approve the Minutes from the Regular Recreation Commission Meeting of September 14, 2021.

Moved by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Diebel to approve the Minutes from the Special Recreation Commission Meeting of September 27, 2021.

Updates/Discussion

- Review of Budget for Recreation Commission – funds dedicated to existing projects, hold off planning of new large projects. Must consider maintenance as ongoing portion of recreation projects
- Bridgifest will be held June 16 to 19, 2022. Portage Lake Lift Bridge dedication by American Society of Civil Engineers (also Red Ridge Dam). Volleyball tournament will be in Hancock at Hancock Beach along with Scavenger Hunt in Hancock and Engineering Camp at Porvoo Park with assistance of Summer Youth Program counsellors.
- Wind damage at Driving Park – Wind toppled shelter severely impacting some of the fencing along the back side of the Little League Field. Estimate being requested from JCS (same contractor doing Dog Park) – Insurance claim submitted.
- Schaaf Field Score Board – Costs covered by Coon Electric, Steve Mattson of Great Lakes Sound and Vibration, Keweenaw Chevrolet and a private donation. Craig will find out who will do the installation. (DPW?)
- Terrace Park Basketball court was not dug up prior to snowfall so this will be on the calendar for 2022 spring/summer. Completion dependent of asphalt plant.
- Signage Updates – Signage for Rules and Regulations of the Dog Park have been reviewed by Legal Counsel and sent to IG for fabrication. We still need to come up with a name sign to meet large donor expectations and meet City of Hancock branding.
- EGLE Grant was approved for the waterfront walkway between the Portage Lake Lift Bridge at the Ramada to the boardwalk. Funding will come from the DDA to assist with the required match.
- Acquisition Grant Update- Acquisition grant application scored very well. Still working with property owners to secure a permanent access for public along waterfront.
- KNSC Kiosk completed at Chalet Trailhead – room for mapping, signage, information.

- Dog Park – Park fencing at a standstill with winter weather. Signage for Rules and Regulations complete and awaiting installation. Amenities will be added in spring including underground water line, fountain, climbing structures for dogs and benches and shelters for visitors.
- Campground fire pits – Agree to have DPW and Campground crew determine which of the 72 sites are in greatest need.
- KNSC Trails Club – Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club is looking to become a year-round entity and considering changes to promote additional activities. Considering additional amenities for other usage including cycling.
- Hancock Public Schools – Steve Patchin is working on obtaining available funding for an enclosed/ indoor sports facility with equipment for a wide variety of sports in the vicinity of the High School football field.

New Business:

Motion made by Member Haeussler and seconded by Member Diebel to approve the Ice Rink Rules for Lourn-Grove.

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Member Haeussler and seconded by Member Jackson to recommend 4 court, north-south facing option for Pickleball Courts at Lourn-Grove.

Aye: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Member Pellizzaro and seconded by Member Diebel to recommend approval of the cost of a gazebo to be built by the Hancock High School Industrial Arts Class up to \$6000 and placed at the pad at Klondike Park.

Abstain: Jackson

Aye: Remainder

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion made by Member Pellizzaro and seconded by Member Lancour to table the recommendation of approval of the swing set for Klondike Park until after the gazebo is completed.

Aye: All

No:

None

Motion Carried to table for future discussion

Public Comment:

Mary Babcock mentioned that there is RAP (MEDC Revitalizing and Placemaking) funding available for projects and that perhaps the Recreation Commission should look at applying for funds for additional Rec projects such as boat docks.


Motion made by Member Diebel and seconded by Member Lancour to adjourn the meeting

Aye: All

No: None

Motion to adjourn carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Mann 

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