

**CITY OF HANCOCK
RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2012**

The Recreation Commission meeting of Tuesday, May 8, 2012 was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hagenbuch at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: John Slivon, John Haeussler, Ron Studer, Glenn Anderson, Wayne Stordahl for John Diebel, & Kevin Kalinec.

Absent: Mary Pekkala, John Diebel, and Bonnie Holland

Guests: Richard "Rick" Vendlinski

It was moved by Haeussler and seconded by Studer to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Richard "Rick" Vendlinski was present to brief the commission on this years Yooper Triathlon to be held on Sunday, June 17th as part of Bridgifest. Profits would go to the Ski Tigers.

Received an update on the campground & beach, including:

- A. Rec'd annual operating license for 58 modern sites and 14 primitive
- B. DPW Crew removed many dead trees and branches during December, 2011.
- C. Discussed the need to upgrade the boat launch.
- D. Heard the city was obtaining options for WI-FI at the campground
- E. Heard the DPW purchased and installed a new climbing net on the old playground structure at the beach.
- F. Heard that Brenda Kotila was opening the beach concession
- G. Heard the city applied for a DNR PASSPORT grant for \$45,000 to rehab the beach dock, and if funded, the city will provide 15,000 in cash and 10,000 for in-kind service

The commission received an update on the Driving Park, including:

- A. Steve Lishinski, Finlandia University's Head Men's baseball coach, has agreed to take over scheduling of all 3 baseball fields
- B. Heard the Fairboard was not going to install the vehicle gate on the West fence line that the City Council approved in 2011, at least not this year.
- C. Heard that the city was dedicating 2 summer employees for field maintenance this year.
- D. Heard that the Little League Association was talking about the need to add a new field at the Driving Park and the city had asked for a layout plan to review.
- E. Heard that FU's long term plan was to help the city upgrade the hardball field.

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- F. FU is still planning to install one batting cage at the Driving Park, once funds are secured to build it.

The commission heard that the city had hired odd jobs to cut the park grass in the spring and early summer, but was planning to dedicate 2 summer employees to cut the grass in June, July & August.

The commission learned that the DNR Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund has recommended the Navy Street Park Boardwalk project be funded for a \$262,500 grant. The grant still has to be approved by the state legislature. The DDA has agreed to match the grant funds with \$91,000. The project would fund a new Portage Lake Boardwalk just to the South of Coon Electric's office on Navy Street.

The commission received a briefing on the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club activities from Wayne Stordahl, including:

- a. The ski season was shorter than average.
- b. Ski Trail memberships were down about 10% over last winter.
- c. The KNSC received a \$1600 health grant from the Keweenaw Community Foundation to purchase 30 pair of Cross Country Ski's for 3rd and 4th grader use at the Hancock Elementary School.
- d. Helped the Boy Scouts plant 100 white spruce trees along the ski trails
- e. Snowshoeing use of the Maasto Hiihto Ski Trails were increasing.
- f. The 5th Annual KNSC Barnelopet and Annual Glide & Gorge were successful.
- g. The new Yamaha ATV Tracked Groomer machine worked well this season.
- h. Mountain Bike Trail called a flow trail, was developed from Christensen Rd. to Brook Rd.

It was moved by Kalinec and seconded by Studer to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Andersson
Secretary