

**CITY OF HANCOCK
RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2014**

The Tuesday, July 8, 2014 Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Hagenbuch at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Kevin Kalenic, Dennis Hagenbuch, John Slivon, Glenn Anderson, Mary Pekkala and Ron Studer.

Absent: John Haeussler

Guests: Bill Marlor

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Slivon and seconded by Kalinec to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

- Noted that Bonnie Holland resigned from the Recreation Commission on June 15, 2014.
- Heard the Hancock Public Schools Elementary School installed new playground equipment.
- Heard that the Driving Park baseball fields had another active year from various users.
- Heard the Yooper Triathlon used the beach as its staging area again during Bridgefest.
- Heard the City has asked Portage Health Foundation for \$125,000 to upgrade the beach dock.
- Heard the City upgraded the ATV at the baseball fields by trading in the old unit and purchasing a 2006 4WD ATV from Dollar Bay Motor Sports for \$2,000.
- Heard campground occupancy has started slower due to the cool & wet weather.
- Discussed the change over from analog to digital for cable service, and the potential impact to the 52 sites at the campground.
- Heard that the Portage Health Foundation may be offering some local match grants for accessing the DNR MNRTF grants for Park & Recreation upgrades.
- Heard that the City is finalizing plans for the design of the middle bridge replacement project on the Maasto Hiihto Trail system with bids due in August.
- Heard that new bridge abutments may be constructed for the SISU bridge on the Maasto Hiihto Trails.

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- The Council is budgeting \$10,000 to capitalize a parks and recreation endowment, under the auspices of the Keweenaw Community Foundation.
- Heard that the City has budgeted \$3,000 to landscape the East Hancock Stairway.
- Heard that the winter revenue for the cross country trails was down about 10%.
- Discussed tree trimming of trails on Churning Rapids.
- Noted the Friday Night waterfront Canal Rock series schedule of bands, which goes through September 5th.
- Reviewed the new Key Ingredient event on Friday July 18th held in conjunction with the Canal Run event.
- Heard that Finlandia University has a concert scheduled for Saturday, September 20th on Quincy Green.
- Heard the City is hosting the Thunder Bay Sailboat Yacht race on the waterfront on August 5th and 6th.
- Heard that Steve Wright has looked at several sites in the City for possible disc golf sites.
- The first annual Festa Italiana will be held at the Houghton County Arena on Saturday, August 9th.
- Dennis Hagenbuch said he has been in contact with Randy Heinonen and Steve Nordstrom to improve the Little League Field, Dennis will schedule a meeting to review needed items.
- Dennis will continue to work on an Alvin Lurn and Robert Grove plaque to Lurn-Grove park.

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary