

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

The regular scheduled Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Haeussler on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Amanda McConnon, Kevin Kalinec, Dan Seguin, Bill Marlor, John Haeussler, John Diebel and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Crissy Gerhart and Jason Parker

Guests: Paul LaBine

It was moved by Diebel and seconded by Kalenic to approve the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Seguin and seconded by Marlor to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Heard that the 3 new playground structures were delivered on October 26, 2017 from Miracle Midwest with free shipping and a discount of \$16,676 for a net cost to the FY 17/18 recreation millage of \$59,997. The structures will be placed at Terrace Park, Third St. Park and Montezuma Park.

The Commission discussed funding for an ADA bathroom/shower addition at the city campground which has been estimated to cost \$115,000 and reviewed possible grant opportunities.

It was moved by Seguin and seconded by Kalenic to recommend to the City Council that the City apply for a \$75,000 DNR Passport grant by April 1, 2018 for the campground bathroom/shower addition.

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AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

Heard that the City campground had a record tourism season with revenue of \$107,664.00

The Commission reviewed rates at the campground and noted the last increase was in 2010, and area campgrounds are charging higher fees.

It was moved by Seguin and seconded by Diebel to recommend a campground rate increase to the City Council as follows:

50 amp and water view sites: \$22.00 to \$25.00

Regular RV sites: \$20.00 to \$22.00

Tent Sites: \$14.00 to \$15.00

AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

Reviewed the proposed agreement between the PLMES and City for 2 hours of free public skating per week for seven years as services rendered for a \$60,000 payable over 5 years commitment for new ice making equipment paid out of the new recreation millage funds.

The Commission reviewed proposed plans for the 82' x 120' new beach dock, which is 10 feet wide and will include a kayak launch. It was noted that the existing paved walkway that accesses the beach area will be reconstructed to meet ADA walkway requirements.

Heard the DEQ undertook a 30-day public comment period starting October 16<sup>th</sup> on the beach dock construction wetlands permit application.

Noted the KCF has established a \$60,000 Community Wellness & Outdoor Recreation Grant fund in partnership with the Portage Health Foundation (PHF) for non-profit's within the 4-county area. The program is expected to be funded for 3 years.

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Heard the PHF is considering launching a new \$100,00 Wellness and Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for local governments in 2018, and may be funded for a 3-year trial period.

Heard the City is undertaking a land survey of the City and Houghton County Fair Boards property.

Heard that Portage Paddle Sports had a good year operating the beach concession, and plans to run it again in 2018.

Reviewed a draft wayfinding sign plan created by the City's Bike and Pedestrian Committee to fit the \$4,000 FY 17/18 recreation millage fund budget.

Heard that members of Theta Chi Epsilon and volunteers from OHM Advisors installed 2 new swing sets at the beach and Porvoo Park on October 28<sup>th</sup>, which was Make a Difference Day. The 3<sup>rd</sup> set will be installed by the DPW Crew at Pine St. Park.

Heard that MJO Contracting has been awarded a \$1.2 million construction project for McLain State Park by the DNR and a second phase is expected to be put out for bid in 2018.

Heard the installation of the new poly facing boards for Lurn Grove has been delayed.

Heard the Fair Board installed a new electric service along the 1<sup>st</sup> base fence Line at the hardball field.

Heard the DPW will be installing a new steel frame door at the Lurn Grove warming shed.

Heard the Driving Park Chalet had to get a new propane underground line replaced from the tank to the Chalet.

Received an update on the KNSC from John Diebel:

- The KNSC applied for a \$6,000 KCF outdoor recreation grant to Level ski trails
- Rec'd a \$1,450 Hancock Schools Foundation mini grant for a new Track groomer
- Rec'd a small grant from the Portage Health Auxiliary
- Had 14 business sponsors
- Some sections of trail have been relocated due to beaver activity.

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Heard that Ken Hodges is purchasing Rich Owen's 40-acre parcel in Quincy Township.

Discussed the future of both gravel and sand operations.

Amanda McConnon volunteered to develop a concept sign representing a recreation millage funded project.

It was moved by Kalenic and seconded by Seguin to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary