

**CITY OF HANCOCK
RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2018**

The regular scheduled Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Haeussler on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: John Haeussler, Dan Seguin, Amanda McConnon, Kevin Kalinec, Jason Parker, Bill Marlor, John Diebel and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Crissy Gerhart

Guests: Deb Mann and Steven Walton

It was moved by Seguin and seconded by Parker to approve the agenda with one change, add public comment to the agenda.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Seguin and seconded by Diebel to approve the November 7, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments:

Steve Walton was present to discuss the City's plans for improvements at Terrace Park. He mentioned some East Hancock residents expressed concern about the proposed location of the new playground structure adjacent to the East fence line of the existing tennis court that would impede the existing open play area. An alternate location for the new structure would require removal of existing structures. Steven volunteered to conduct a neighborhood survey and agreed to represent the neighborhood in selecting the final location in the spring for the new playground structure.

Deb Mann discussed the location for the proposed two new 10' x 80' Bocce courts at the Driving Park. The Italian Festival organization donated \$2,000 toward the cost of the new Bocce Courts. It was estimated the total project cost would not exceed \$10,000

Ruth Gill, 1000 Crestwood Dr. discussed ideas to redevelop the old Bulldog water tank site, now called Klondike Park. She suggested a community garden, new landscaping and other ideas for the small park.

John Diebel updated the Commission on the activities on the KNSC, first reporting that ski trail conditions are excellent this winter, the club was awarded a \$6,000 PHF grant for

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ski trail maintenance, the club was still discussing the Sisu Bridge replacement project, and noted new corporate sponsors for the club.

The Commission heard that the DPW Crew installed the new 3/8" poly dasher 4 x 8 foot facing boards at Laurn-Grove in November. The project was funded by a KCF grant of \$3,000 and City funds of \$3,512.50, plus in-kind DPW work. The Commission reviewed the KCF project press release on the project.

The Commission noted that the City parks and Recreation endowment fund has a balance of \$10,966.32 held at the Keweenaw Community Foundation.

Heard that OHM Advisors were planning on sending in the final beach dock design plans for DNR Recreation Grants staff to review and approve by the end of January.

Heard the City Council accepted the Commission's recommendation and will apply for a DNR Passport Grant for the campground ADA bathroom addition, due April 1, 2018.

The Commission reviewed the PHF RFP for Community Recreational Facility & Resources, and noted a \$25,000 maximum grant. The foundation has approved \$100,000 in grant funds for 2018.

Heard the 11th Annual Barnelopet Kids Ski Race will be held on Sunday, February 11th at the Driving Park Chalet.

Received a report on open skating use on Wednesday and Friday's at Noon at the County Arena.

Reviewed Bike & Ped Committee budget for 24 new Wayfinding signs with a cost of \$6,985. Currently, \$4000 is budgeted for the project.

Heard that the City received a certified land survey of the Driving Park area in January.

Commission member Amanda McConnon presented several sign options identifying parks and rec millage funded projects for review and comment.

The Commission discussed possible rec millage funded projects for FY 18/19 and identified \$100,000 of projects. The Commission has an annual budget of \$115,000. The Commission also discussed future project commitments. A copy of the project is attached to the minutes.

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It was moved by Kalinec and seconded by Parker to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson
Secretary