

City of Hancock Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Call to order by Chairperson Deb Mann at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Deb Mann, Crissy Gerhart, Amanda Jackson, Dan Seguin, Bill Marlor, John Diebel, Craig Pellizzaro, Mary Babcock

Absent: Michael Lancour

Also Present: Mark Lounibos, Randy Heinonen, Missy Goulette, Daniel Yoder

Motion by Member Marlor and supported by Member Pellizzaro to approve agenda with the addition of Aquatopia project.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Pellizzaro to approve the meeting minutes from July 9, 2019.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Mark Lounibos a representative for the Copper Country Soccer Association (CCSA) addressed the need for soccer fields in the area. Currently there are 660 kids enrolled in youth soccer in the Copper Country. The CCSA would like to work together for opportunities to add additional fields.

Randy Heinonen a resident of the City of Hancock would like to work on getting the fence replaced at the Softball/Little League field. A quote of \$8,700.00 was received to put new fencing in the driving park. Randy will work with the Little League to cost share this project.

Missy Goulette presented a new venture for the Hancock Beach called Aquatopia. This is a playground in the water for any age over 7 years or 47" tall. She is looking for 1) use of designated area of the beach 2) Notice of required permits 3) Three year commitment for the use of the beach.

Updates

- Ribbon cutting for the Hancock Recreational Pier went very smooth. The Keweenaw Chamber appreciated being included in the event. The Recreation Commission should consider putting money in the budget for the venue events.
- Summer movies were attended by 35 to 50 people each week. The movies at Quincy Green worked out the best for location. Next year try to have the location and day of the week stay consistent throughout the summer. Have the commission continue picking out the movies and doing the promotion for these events.
- Terrace Park tennis courts have been paved, the cost to complete fencing and lines will be \$6,250.00. This will be completed in the fall.

- Millage signs have been installed at different locations around the City and look great.
- No update on the Kiosks for the Maasto Hiihto and Bicycles.
- The bike fix it stations have been purchased and just need to be installed. Bike racks need to be ordered. They are both part of the Keweenaw Community Foundation grant.
- ADA Swings need to be ordered. They are swings that have a larger bucket not for a wheelchair.
- The passport grant received an initial score of 165 points. The application will be reviewed for and adjustments that will add points. The deadline for revisions is October 4th.

New Business

Motion by Member Diebel and supported by Member Pellizzaro to offer the full support of the Recreation Commission for the Aquatopia and have the City do due diligence to support the project.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Gerhart and supported by Member Pellizzaro to defer the Bocce Ball funding and use the balance of the pickle ball funding to complete the Terrance Tennis Court.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Pellizzaro and supported by Member Seguin to pay 50% up to \$5,000 for the Little League/Softball field fence improvements.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Other Business

- Dedication for the River Trail for the Keweenaw Nordic Ski Club will be happening in the next month.
- John Diebel is working with Dave Dow to get a snowblower donated for the Lurn-Grove skating rink.
- Dave Mattila is willing to give a permanent easement for the trails. Need to work on getting this completed.
- Recreation Commission should consider reaching out to the Carole Lahti the property owner to work on an easement for the trail on Navy Street.

Motion by Member Pellizzaro and supported by Member Diebel to adjourn at 7:40p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried