

CITY OF HANCOCK  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2017

The Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Haeussler at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the following members present: Kevin Kalenic, John Haeussler, John Diebel, Bill Marlor, Jason Parker and Glenn Anderson

Absent: Mary Tuisku, Dan Seguin and Crissy Gerhart

Guests: None

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Marlor and seconded by Kalenic to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The Commission discussed the Houghton County Board's trial balloon to offer to sell or give the Houghton County Arena to the City. The Commission talked about the pros and cons of this offer, including the impact on the current Portage Lake Multi-Education Services Inc. fund raising efforts for a new ice making plant, new bleachers and new dehumidifier equipment. It was also noted that Houghton County is spending about \$500,000 on a new roof and blasting and repainting the interior steel support structures. At this time, it was felt that the acquisition of the County Arena would not fit into the City's strategic plans.

The Commission discussed funding for better bike signage and Maasto Hiihto Ski Trail head signage in and around the City.

Bill Marlor updated the Commission in the following Driving Park improvements:

- Cleaned up the dirt piles and steel frames located by the Little League field
- Landscaped the trench cut area by the Little League field
- The steel frame for the new Little League field score board is completed
- Purchased 2 new coco mats for dragging the infields
- ordered a dark wind screen for the hardball field outfield area, 150' long

The Commission heard that the local AmeriCorps group was undertaking a significant beach clean-up project with up to 100 volunteers for Saturday, May 20, 2017 as a regional community service project.

The Commission received an update on the timeline for the new beach dock construction project. Once the legislature and Governor sign off on the \$294,000 MNRTF DNR grant, and once the design is completed, the DNR staff has 90 days to review and approve the construction plans. Current estimate is to bid out the project in December, 2017 for a 2018 construction start.

The Commission discussed **year one** recommendations for parks and recreation capital expenditure funding for the new 5-year recreation millage (.8 mill) implemented in the July 2017 tax bills, which will generate an estimated \$86,000 the first year along with the normal general fund capital outlay budget for parks of \$24,000 for an estimated total annual funds available of \$110,000

It was moved by Marlor and seconded by Kalinec to recommend first year 2017/18 capital outlays as follows:

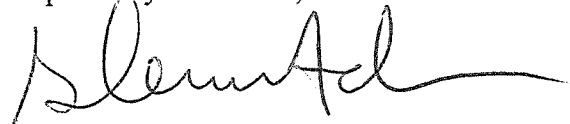
1. Houghton County Arena Ice Plant (1 <sup>st</sup> of 5-year commitment)	\$12,000
2. Third Street Park New Playground Equipment	\$30,000
3. Terrace Park New Playground Equipment	\$30,000
4. Maasto Hiihto Ski Trail ATV Replacement (cost share with KNSC)	\$9,000
5. Bicycle and Ski Trail signage	\$4,000
6. New Beach Dock (2 year commitment to provide Partial local match to obtain \$294,000 DNR grant)	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total	\$115,000

AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

It was moved by Parker and seconded by Diebel to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.  
AYES: All  
NAYES: None  
Motion Carried

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary