

**CITY OF HANCOCK
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2019**

The regular bi-monthly Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by City Manager Barry Givens on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: John Diebel, Amanda Jackson, Dave Dow, Bill Marlor, Deb Mann, and Craig Pellizzaro

Absent: Crissy Gerhart, Kevin Kalinec, Dan Seguin and John Haeussler

Staff: City Manager Barry Givens

Deb Mann was welcomed to the Recreation Commission.

City Manager Givens asked for nominations for the Recreation Commission Chair. It was moved by Diebel and seconded by Dow to nominate Deb Mann as the Recreation Commission Chair. No other nominations for chair were received.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Chair Deb Mann asked for nominations for the Recreation Commission Vice-Chair. It was moved by Mann and seconded by Diebel to nominate Amanda Jackson as the Recreation Commission Vice-Chair. No other nominations for chair were received.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Dow and seconded by Pellizzaro to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Public Comments: Troy Eddy briefed the Commission on the Keweenaw Chain Drive which will occur during Bridgefest weekend. Troy indicated one day of the event will be held at the Michigan Tech trails and the other day event will occur at the Maasto Hiihto trails. Troy will work with the Hancock Police Department for any traffic control needed.

Randy Heinonen asked about work to be done at the Givens/Schaaf fields this summer. Randy asked if the DPW could remove snow from the Givens field in March/April to allow for early use of the field. DPW Director Marlor indicated it was weather and priority dependent and had concerns about damaging the field. Randy indicated Lake Linden has removed snow from their field in the past without damage and it allowed early use of the field. Randy will work with the City Manager and the DPW director on snow removal in the later part of spring. Randy also asked if the playground will still be installed at Givens field. The City Manager indicated the playground will be installed this summer but the schedule depends on the supplier's and DPW crew's schedule. Randy also asked about moving the Givens outfield field to increase the field size to the proper dimension. Randy and the City Manager will work to get estimates on the fence work.

The Commission was briefed on the revised MDNR Passport Grant application for the campground project. The project scope increased to include the recreation millage playground equipment at the campground to increase the match portion of the project. The revised application is due on April 1st.

John Diebel updated the Commission on flood damage to the Maasto Hiihto trails. OHM advisors are working with FEMA on the scope and estimates for flood repairs.

Craig Pellizarro updated the Commission on work to be done to the Schaaf infield. Due to the lack of contractor availability the work was unable to be completed last fall. Craig is working with Siler Contracting to provide a dozer to grade the fill to be installed this spring. Craig will also coordinate the order for Magicmix for the infield.

The City Manager requested \$3096.30 to provide a match for a Portage Health Foundation grant for a total amount of \$20,642.00 to purchase a tractor with snow blower attachment for the Laurn Grove ice rink.

It was moved by Pellizzaro and seconded by Dow to approve the matching funds for the PHF Grant for Laurn Grove snow removal equipment.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

The City Manager indicated Portage Paddle Sports will again be at the Hancock Beach this summer and plans to have a second location at the Kestner Waterfront Park in Houghton this year.

The City Manager requested a contribution of \$4000 from the Recreation Commission for the purchase of outdoor movie equipment to be funded in conjunction with the DDA. The movies will be held at Quincy Green, Porvoo Park and the Hancock Campground.

It was moved by Dow and seconded by Mann to contribute \$4000 for summer movie series equipment.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

The Commission reviewed the 2019 Recreation Projects listing as indicated the meeting packet. Amanda Jackson asked that the Klondike Park be added to the list to begin discussion of what should be developed at the former water tank site at the corner of Poplar Street and Crestwood Drive.

It was moved by Diebel and seconded by Dow adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Givens, City Manager