

**Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

Doug Hayrynen called the Tuesday, March 9, 2010 Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., at Hancock City Hall with the following members present: Bonnie Holland, John Diebel, John Slivon, Kevin Kalinec, and Glenn Anderson.

Absent: Dennis Hagenbuch, Mary Pekkala, Tom Gemignani, Ron Studer, and Rick Freeman.

Guests: None

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Slivon to approve the November 10, 2009 minutes as recorded.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Updates/Information:

Recreation Plan

The subcommittee of John Slivon, Dennis Hagenbuch, and Kevin Kalinec met with WUPPDR Planner Meg Pachmeyer on revising the 5-year Recreation plan. They put together a sample Recreation Survey that was included in the agenda package. Members reviewed the proposed Recreation Committee survey. Glenn Anderson suggested that the Recreation Plan should include wording for the future acquisitions of land along the Swedetown Corridor or along the Maasto Hiihto ski trails. DNR funding could possibly be obtained for a grant of up to 75% with a 25% local match. Land under this program could be used for green zones in or outside of the City. However, if the land was outside of the city limits, it would need the approval of the governing township to proceed.

Bike-Walk Subcommittee

John Slivon reported on the Bike-Walk subcommittee and the biking survey. A copy of the March 3, 2010 Bike-Walk subcommittee meeting minutes were included in the agenda package and reviewed. John reported that they had been working on the bike survey for three to four weeks. Meg Pachmeyer will post it on the WUPPDR web site and recommend that the city also post it on their web site. The bicycle survey will be used to learn how people are using bicycles within the city. Bonnie Holland suggested two changes to the survey. The first was to change the "Downtown" destination on question number five to "Downtown Hancock" and "Downtown

Houghton.” The second was to add a question number fourteen, “Any additional comments?”

Bike 2 Work Day

John also reported on the Bike 2 Work Day on May 21, 2010. This event will have two parts, a morning event station proposed to be located in the U-haul parking lot across from Dave’s BP gas station on Front Street from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and a late afternoon event station proposed to be located in the parking lot adjacent to the west side of Dave’s BP from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Glenn Anderson will ask Dave Dow for permission to use the two sites for the day. The stations will provide coffee or water, snacks, bicycle information, a bicycle work shop in the afternoon, a place to rest, and friendly volunteers’ to talk with. An estimate of the number of bicyclists that would attend each event was thirty. The city of Houghton will also have a location set up at their waterfront park. A Bike Task Force Meeting with representatives from both the City of Hancock and the City of Houghton was mentioned. This type of meeting will allow both communities to share ideas about the Bike 2 Work Day and biking in general within the two communities. A meeting date was not recorded.

John Slivon mentioned several items that will be needed for the Bike 2 Work event.

1. A budget: Glenn mentioned that the City of Hancock may provide a donation of up to \$200.00.
2. A banner to advertise the event: John Slivon will look into prices.
3. Permission to use the proposed locations: Glenn will talk to Dave Dow.
4. A bike route with signs: John Slivon will discuss this with Police Chief Beaudion at the next biking subcommittee meeting.
5. Tables and chairs: The city to supply.
6. Refreshments and supplies: John Slivon will seek donations.
7. Arrange for a bicycle workshop: Possibly the Hancock Bike Shop.

John Slivon and Dan Dalquist will coordinate the Bike 2 Work event.

Bonnie Holland suggested having a press release about the Bike 2 Work event and the surveys. She also recommended coordinating with the City of Houghton on the Bike 2 Work Day. John asked Bonnie if she knew of any recreational facilities available to the community that were not owned by the City. None were mentioned.

Ski Trails

John Diebel reported on the Maasto Hiihto Ski Trails and the KNSC. It was a good year, despite the mild weather. The biggest problem was breakdowns with the middle-aged snowmobile. The new snowmobile was doing well. It performed nicely in the warm weather. Membership numbers for the KNSC were unknown at this time. Final numbers will be available at the end of the season. The Glide and Gorge event was a great success, proceeds totaled around fourteen hundred dollars.

John also informed us that the Ski Club had ordered track pods for the Rhino ATV, and that the high school metal shop would be assisting in fabricating a plow for the Rhino. The tracks and plow will allow the Rhino to be used in the winter to assist in grooming and to also be available

in case of emergencies. There had been an incident this year were a skier fell at the bottom of the gorge and needed to be transported out. There was some confusion on organizing transportation to remove the injured party. The need to work on a rescue plan became apparent. Thankfully the injury skier is ok at this time. However, John said that they are working on a rescue plan in case of future incidents.

Other Business

Glenn Anderson reported that Superior National Bank has purchased a scoreboard for the Driving Park Hardball Field and that the Condon Field Project is working on phase one. This will include construction of the football field facilities and the installation of the lighting system. Soil bores have been completed and the plans are currently being reviewed. The project may or may not start this year.

It was moved by Holland to accept the recreation, walking, and biking survey's with the following changes to the walking and biking surveys.

Walking survey:

Add three questions,

1. 13. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for additional walking routes?
2. 14. Can you identify any barriers to walking within the city?
3. 15. Any additional comments?

Bike survey:

Add one additional question,

1. 14. Any additional comments?

Also, on the bike survey, change the destination of question # five from "Downtown" to "Downtown Hancock" and to also include "Downtown Houghton."

The motion was seconded by Kevin Kalinec.

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

Motion Carried.

John Diebel made the motion to add the following long term goal statement to the Recreation Plan: The City of Hancock will seek to acquire property or conservation easements along the Swedetown Corridor or along the Maasto Hiihto Ski Trails for public use and preservation.

Seconded by Holland.

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

Motion Carried.

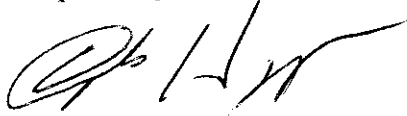
It was moved by Kevin Kalinec seconded by Diebel to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Hayrynen', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Doug Hayrynen, Parks and Recreation Director