

**CITY OF HANCOCK  
RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

Chairperson Dennis Hagenbuch called the Tuesday, September 8, 2009 Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Hancock City Hall with the following members present: Dennis Hagenbuch, Ron Studer, John Diebel, Bonnie Holland, John Slivon and Rick Freeman.

Absent: Kevin Kalinec, Doug Hayrynen, Mary Pekkala and Tom Gemignani.

Guests: Meg Pachmayer and Dan Dalquist.

It was moved by Holland and seconded by Studer to approve the July 14, 2009 minutes.

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried.

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

AYES: All

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Updates/Information

-Heard that FU freshmen class members painted the exterior on three buildings at the beach in late August.

-Heard that campground usage was doing well

-Heard that the KNSC and the city jointly purchased a new Yamaha Rhino for use on ski trail maintenance. The city paid 4,000 and the KNSC paid \$4,697.

-Heard that the campground grinder pumps will need to be replaced in 2010.

-Learned that the new 5 year recreation plan update needs to be done by the end of 2010.

John Diebel said the KNSC was rebuilding three bridges in the Swedetown gorge, and were cutting brush and weeds in preparation for the new ski season.

The Recreation Commission agreed to appoint Dan Dalquist to the bike/walk sub committee.

John Slivon updated the commission on the bike/walk sub committee. He reviewed the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting recommendations, including the following:

1. Conduct a public survey of the general interest of the citizens of Hancock in having a bike/walk access plan for the city. Consider assistance from WUPPDR

- in the design of the survey. The Recreation Commission should take the lead in the design of the survey.
2. Have WUPPDR conduct the survey in a timely manner.
  3. Recreation Commission would interpret the results of the survey with WUPPDR's input. Results of survey to be used to assist in the development of the long range plan.
  4. Recreation Commission to develop a long range bike/walk/ski plan that considers the non-motorized transportation needs as well as the recreational needs of the citizens of Hancock. Recreation Commission to work with the Planning Commission to develop proposals for new ordinances within the city to insure the safety of pedestrians and bikers.
  5. Recreation Commission with the input of the Planning Commission and the State Highway Department will develop best primary routes for biking and walking within the City of Hancock with access to Houghton being a consideration.
  6. Develop assets list.
  7. Develop secondary biking and walking routes and publish maps.
  8. State gaps and develop proposed solutions such as signage, education, bike racks.

John Slivon and Ron Studer discussed identifying walking trails following city alleys. Ron presented a map highlighting existing alleys for consideration.

Meg Pachmayer, WUPPDR, said she would obtain copies of recreation surveys used in other communities that could be used by the city in developing new recreation survey.

Dan Dalquist discussed his participation in the Houghton City bike plan and the survey they used. He mentioned that a number of Hancock residents participated in the development of the Houghton bike plan, and offered to work with the City of Hancock to develop our plan.

The Commission learned that the City Council approved campground rate increases for 2010:

- Tent Sites from \$12 to \$14
- RV rate from \$18 to \$20
- Eliminate city RV resident rate of \$16
- Increase sites with 50 amps or water service to \$22

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Anderson  
Secretary