

**ONTONAGON RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**HELD AT 5:10 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016**  
**AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON, MI**

**PRESENT:** Sue Kempen – Co- Chairperson, **Members:** Tony Smydra, Sarah Wagner, Dawn Miller, Arnie Bolo, Manager, Joe Erickson, **Guests:** Robert Rotundo, Audrey Johnston and Don Chastan  
**ABSENT:** Jill Johnson, Jacek Olszewski

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 5:10 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:**

**A motion was made by Wagner, second by Miller, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda with the addition of Item C: Letter of support to the Ontonagon Hockey Association and Item D: C.T.C.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Wagner, second by Bolo, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Recreation Commission.**

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Don Chastan asked the Recreation Commission to consider sponsoring community event for kids to do over the summer. Commissioner Miller suggested swimming lessons and commissioner Smydra suggested the Portage Foundation Grant Potential. A brainstorm of events were discussed which included: crafts, mountain biking, canoe, Kayak, wood work (bird houses), make your own paddle board, ladder ball competitions, Frisbee, golf, kite flying, back packing, compass classes, outdoor basketball courts, t-ball and baseball.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. RECREATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Goals and objectives were discussed. We will work on replacing the sidewalks along Houghton Street from town to the Township Park.

Assignment for each commission member is to work on a list of improvements, activities and ideas.

**B. SPEED LIMITS ON OR TRAIL WITHIN IN THE VILLAGE**

In an effort to reduce the speed in the residential area of the town it was suggested to reduce the speed on the ORV trails.

**A motion was made by Miller, second by Wagner, (CARRIED) to write a letter of support to encourage speed on ORV trails to be set the speed at 25 miles per hour for motorized users of the Ontonagon to Rockland (OR) trail following the former Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad grade, from a point 500 feet east of the U.S. 45 crossing within the Village Limits of the Village of Ontonagon. To set the speed at 25 miles per hour for motorized users of the Ontonagon to Rockland (OR) Trail following the former Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad grade, from the abutments of the m-64 highway bridge to the Trail's end in the Village and to establish a speed limit of 15 miles per hour for motorized users of the Ontonagon to Rockland Trail from the abutments of the M-64 highway bridge to the Trail's end in the Village, within the Village Limits of the Village of Ontonagon.**

**C. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE ONTONAGON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

The manager and commissioner Smydra talked about the Ontonagon Hockey Association presentation for a grant opportunity for ice making equipment.

**A motion was made by Miller, second by Wagner, (CARRIED) to recommend to the Village Council to approve the Capital Improvement Plan and to support the Ontonagon Hockey Association grant opportunity for ice making equipment.**

**A motion was made by Wagner, second by Ernest, (CARRIED) to write a letter of support for the Ontonagon Hockey Association for the need of ice making equipment for a grant opportunity.**

**D. C.T.C.- COMMUNITIES THAT CARE**

Joseph Erickson and Tony Smydra gave an overview of the workshop they attended earlier today about the Communities that Care (CTC). [www.communitiesthatcare.org](http://www.communitiesthatcare.org).

**OTHER BUSINESS: None**

A kiosk bulletin board was suggested to put in a local office to show local recreation events. It was suggested by RICC Park.

Commissioner Sue Kempen talked about the SPARE TO S.A.L.E. – Single Point of Activities Recreation in the Western U.P. It is open to any age and is supported by RICC and persons of disabilities. They have events planned which include how to dance, plant flower, and snowshoeing.

**ADJOURN:**

At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Smydra, second by Bolo, (CARRIED) to adjourn.

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Marcia Aho-Black, Village Clerk

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Date approved