

**ONTONAGON RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**HELD AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017**  
**AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON, MI**

**PRESENT:** Sue Kempen, Co – Chairperson, **Members:** Arnie Bolo, Tony Smydra, Gunnard Kyllonen, Manager, Joe Erickson,  
**ABSENT:** Sarah Wagner, Dawn Miller, Jill Johnson

Clerk Marcia Aho-Black was absent so Commissioner Tony Smydra recorded the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 5:06 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Bolo, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Kyllonen, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017 Recreation Commission.**

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Alan Ralph – DDA gave an update. They received 5,000.00 grant from WUPPDR and received \$9,000 match for both in kind and money. Lakeshore donated the balance of the money- \$3,500 cash that they had left over money anticipated from this project. Signs will be stored by the Village for the winter. Tom Picotte will put the signs up in May 2018.

A resident asked that the Marina parking lot have at least a path plowed so that people can access for ice fishing particularly for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Kyllonen, (CARRIED) to recommend to the Village Council that a path be plowed this winter to allow for ice fishing at the Marina, contingent with this motion is that the Marina Commission not be billed for the plowing, volunteers be used for plowing when possible, and that the Village pick up the expenses of plowing when volunteers not do the plowing.**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. UPDATE RECREATION PLAN**

The recreation plan was reviewed by the Commission. The Manager put together the graphic package that was included in the plan and then sent to WUPPDR. They will do final formatting and get it back to us by 12/1/2017. The commission can take 30 days to review and set a public hearing by 1/15/2018. It is due to the DNR by 3/1/2018.

**B. HOUGHTON STREET TREES**

Commissioner Smydra gave an update on the Houghton Street project. Sarah Wagner and Tony Smydra marked the trees. The letters to the residents went out. The Commission only received 1

comment to date. The project will proceed in the spring.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**RICC Park**

Commissioner Kempen requested that a fence be put up at the RICC Park for Hometown Christmas week-end. Kempen requested better barriers be put into place prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Manager said sign can be moved from where they are at the pole by Fitness Center.

**Lakeshore Drive**

Commissioner Smydra reviewed lighting choices provided. The Glassworks LED style is the preferred style of the Recreation Commission.

**Dog Park**

Commissioner Kyllonen asked that we develop a dog park. It is in the 5 year Recreation Plan. The Village Manager will bring potential locations to the next Recreation Commission meeting

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:28 p.m. a motion was made by Kyllonen, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to adjourn.

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Tony Smydra in Clerks absence

Marcia Aho-Black, Village Clerk

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Date approved