

ONTONAGON RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD AT 5:10 PM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON, MI

PRESENT: Jill Johnson – Co- Chairperson, Members: Tony Smydra, Sarah Wagner, , Arnie Bolo, Sue Kempen Manager, Joe Erickson, Guests: Robert Rotundo, Don Chastan and Gunnard Kyllonen.
ABSENT: Dawn Miller

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 Smydra, second by Kempen, (CARRIED) to approve the amended agenda due to the January 18, 2017 minutes were not attached to the packet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Wagner, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to table the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Recreation Commission as they were omitted from the package.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. RECREATION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were discussed. Items discussed were:

S. Wagner – suggested sidewalks be cleared of snow in town. Make maps of busy locations to accommodate snow removal.

T. Smydra – suggested sidewalks be paved vs concrete

J. Erickson – talked about trees along Houghton Street that should be removed to make 6’ sidewalks. Smydra suggested replacing trees with flowering fruit trees. This will be tabled for further discussion. It was suggested as a Michigan Tech. College or the Eagle Scout project to do some landscaping and architect.

B. Rotundo suggested signs to explain different parts of town.

Wheel chair path, handicap tables at J.K. Paul Park.

S. Wagner talked about the acoustics are bad at the Recreation Building and suggested insulation. B. Rotundo suggested radiant heating over the bleachers.

The group discussed the desire for the East Pier pathway by Lake Shore. Need to talk to Lake Shore Corp. Smydra talked about the Lake Street and Trap Street beach access when Lake Shore moves their fencing.

B. RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Jacek Olszewski has not re-applied for his seat on the Recreation Commission. We would like to thank him for all his hard work.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Kempen, (CARRIED) to appoint Jill Johnson as the Chairperson.

A motion was made by Johnson, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to appoint Sue Kempen as Vice-Chairperson.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Erickson reported George Madison with the DNR Fishery Grant Applications called him. They want to open the slough to create a sturgeon habitat. They plan on opening both ends of the slough, replace the culvert and build a bridge.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Wagner, (CARRIED) for the Recreation Commission to write a letter of support for the DNR Fishery to open the slough to create a sturgeon habitat and to encourage the Village Council to do the same.

RICC Group gave the Village Clerk a donation of \$5.07 towards the RICC Park.

ADJOURN:

At 6:32 p.m. a motion was made by Kempen, second by Bolo, (CARRIED) to adjourn.

Marcia Aho-Black, Village Clerk

Date approved