

**ONTONAGON RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**HELD AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**  
**AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON, MI**

**PRESENT:** Jill Johnson – Chairperson, **Members:** Dawn Miller, Arnie Bolo, Sue Kempen, Sarah Wagner, Tony Smydra, **Manager,** Joe Erickson, **Guests:** Robert Rotundo  
**ABSENT:** Jim Michel

**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 agenda with the additions of item D. Lakeshore Lighting Project and Donations and Item E – Rose Island Update.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Miller, second by Kempen, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2017 Recreation Commission.**

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. HOUGHTON STREET PROJECT – SIDEWALK, TREES**

The Commission discussed the trees that need to be removed along Houghton Street and agreed on the 6 trees that need to be saved because they are healthy trees. It has been decided to notify the residents along Houghton Street of our intentions of removing the trees and what kind of trees can be planted to replace them. The trees will be color coded with ribbons to identify the trees to be removed and saved. A recommendation to the Village Council will state:

1. Identify trees to be removed or saved.
2. Notify the adjacent property owners.
3. Color tags the trees to be removed and the ones to be saved.
4. They can mail or email they comments to the Recreation Commission.
5. The Recreation Commission will review the comments at the October meeting.

Commissioners Wagner and Smydra will draft a letter for the residents.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Kempen, (CARRIED) to recommend the Houghton Street Sidewalk tree project to the Village Council for approval as presented.**

**B. RICC PARKS**

The lease with Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital is complete. We have received 3,000 bricks to be placed at the RICC Park. It has been decided to organize a work bee with RICC members and volunteers after Labor Day. It was suggested that the RICC Group have an information booth at the Maxwell Street to inform the public of the park.

**C. NEW LAKESHORE PARK**

The lease has been approved with Lakeshore and Village for the Lakeshore Park. Discussion uniform signage was discussed and the Commission will ask the DDA members to attend the next Recreation meeting.

**D. LAKESHORE LIGHTING PROJECT AND DONATIONS:**

OHM has been awarded the bid for the lighting project with plans to start next year. We have a group that would like to donate a bench to the park. The Village Manager will get current prices on the composite benches.

**E. ROSE ISLAND UPDATE**

Due to time frame of the meeting – this was not discussed.

**OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:25 p.m. a motion was made by Smydra, second by Johnson, (CARRIED) to adjourn.

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Marcia Aho-Black, Village Clerk

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Date approved