

ONTONAGON RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON, MI

PRESENT: Jill Johnson – Chairperson (arrived at 5:20), Members: Dawn Miller, Arnie Bolo, Sue Kempen, Tony Smydra, Manager, Joe Erickson, Guests: Robert Rotundo and Gunnard Kyllonen of the Township Recreation Board.
ABSENT: Sarah Wagner

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 Miller, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Miller, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 Recreation Commission.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Emily Goodman from Great Lakes Conservation Corp. discussed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant they received to landscape trees along watershed of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, and Lake Huron. Tony Smydra took her around town to locate areas that would be beneficial.

Alan Ralph from the DDA gave an update of the Lakeshore Park, county wide building and electrical inspectors, signage and future planning of the DDA. Bob Rotundo suggested an update be done monthly to encourage communicating with the DDA and Recreation Commissions and including ideas in the 5 year Recreation plan.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. RECREATION PLAN

The Village Manager asked the Commission to read the Recreation plan draft and make any suggestions at the next meeting. The plan needs to go for a public hearing in November 2017.

B. HOUGHTON STREET PROJECT – SIDEWALKS, TREES

Tony Smydra gave an overview of the Houghton street tree project that Sarah Wagner and he worked on.

C. RESIGNATION OF JAMES MICHEL

James Michel has resigned from the Recreation Commission. We would like to thank him for his service to the Commission.

D. DON HELSEL – PRESENTATION ON TRAILHEAD SIGNAGE

A discussion of signage and trail grooming was discussed in the Village. It was encouraged they keep in contact with the Recreation group to include ideas in the 5 year Recreation Plan.

E. RICC PARK

The DPW crew is preparing the ground for the RICC Park and the pavers are in the area. The RICC group will be placing the pavers on Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26 starting at 10:00 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Miller, (CARRIED) to move the October 18th meeting to October 25, 2017.

ADJOURN:

At 6:15 p.m. a motion was made by Miller, second by Kempen, (CARRIED) to adjourn.

Marcia Aho-Black, Village Clerk

Date approved