

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, February 19, 2015
5:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mark Tomaszewski, Roger Zielinski, Lynn Vasquez, Erin Pontiac, Ed Tegler

Excused: Jason Sullivan

Also Present: Jeff Mikula, Kathie Boyle - City of Manistee

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Vasquez at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Zielinski, **second** by Vasquez to approve the Agenda with addition to New Business "Wedding on Beaches". All in favor.

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Tegler, **second** by Zielinski to accept October 16, 2014 minutes and place on file. **Motion** approved.

Chair Vasquez informed the commission she was interviewed on 98.7 radio station this morning to discuss the Adopt a Park Program. Believed interview went well, already has shown citizen interest.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaw Review

Motion by Tegler, **second** by Zielinski to accept bylaws with one change. Chair shall be changed from Chair Lynne Reinhardt to Lynn Vasquez . Bylaws will then be sent to City Council for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Fifth Avenue Beach Improvements

Mikula discussed the site plan drafted by Spicer Engineering regarding improvements to 5th Avenue and picnic area. Improvements may include large and small gazebos, concrete slabs, sidewalks, benches, grills, walkway, and lighting. This could be accomplished with possible grant money but would require additional local match. How should the city proceed on improvements to this area? Tegler requested that the city just start with fixing what is there. Then continue to make it presentable to public making it more accessible and inviting, at the very least repairing the sidewalks. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Vasquez to start working on the sidewalks, benches, grills and picnic area concrete pads with the budgeted \$25,000 and see where that takes us. All in favor.

County Recreation Plan

Planning Commission and Non-motorized Commission have volunteered two of their members to the County Wide Regional Park and Recreation Plan. Mikula suggested that we volunteer a member to represent the P & B Commission. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The board as a whole will assist during the process plan. **Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Tomaszewski to appoint Erin Pontiac to represent the Parks & Beautification Commission. All in favor. Mikula will notify the board of Erin's appointment.

Weddings on Beaches

A General policy was given to members regarding “Weddings on City Beaches. Members are asked to review and will discuss at a future date.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Sands Park Ball Field

Will field be playable this upcoming season? Mikula responded the infield is playable and parks department plans to add stone dust this spring. Staff is currently working on 2015 – 2016 budget figures. Discussion on the large amounts weeds at all ball fields.

Ice Skating Rink

Huge success - heard from citizens how impressed they were and if they could volunteer in any capacity. Pontiac how we are going to keep the noodles in place, Mikula responded that we have to come up with a better way to secure the structure. Similar to what we around First Street ball diamonds. Mikula will also be contacting the company that installed the rink to repair problems encountered this year.

2015-2016 Budget

Mikula is identifying items for the parks department, including new swim buoys, diamond dust for Sands Park, Hamlin and Duffy Park also picnic tables.

COMMENTS

Ed Tegler would like to see the “Adopt a Park” Program placed on the city web page. Boyle will contact Blakeslee to have the link placed on the website.

Motion by Tegler, second by Vasquez to adjourn.

Next meeting date – Thursday, March 19, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m. at City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary