

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, November 16, 2016**

Members Present: Jason Sullivan, Mike Quinn, Erin Pontiac, Mark Tomaszewski, Ed Tegler

Excused: Lynn Vasquez, Jen Teller,

Also Present: Jim Smith, Mayor
Roger Zielinski, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mickey McCann, Parks Leadman

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Tegler at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Pontiac **second** by Sullivan to approve October 20, 2016 minutes and place on file. **Motion approved.**

Public Hearing

None

Citizen/Public Comment

None

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Morton Park Playground/Grant Money – McCann reported that we were unable to place the woodchips in the swing area because of the way the grade runs. Instead, woodchips were placed by the slide. Pontiac would like if possible some wood chips still placed in the holes by the swings. McCann to give Pontiac break down of money spent and what amount of the \$500 is left. The balance must be spent by mid-December.

All grants must be approved by City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Fifth Avenue Beach Area Improvements – Discussion has been between Mikula and Tegler over the sand building up around the fence and causing damage, have come to no conclusion.

Update on paddle board rental, food truck, fire pits – no one has tracked progress. This would be great information for next year. Sara from the paddleboard rental did not do as well as she anticipated. She is re-thinking and researching her options for next season. Council can ask for updates from the different vendors.

McCann believes the Fifth Avenue vendor will be back next year. Tegler would like a committee to sit down with the vendor next spring to discuss any issues he had at the concession stand. We need to hash out his and our concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Reitz Park

Tegler asked about a webpage site for the Manistee Saints which stated they were hosting a fund raiser for Reitz Park by purchasing a brick. Zielinski stated there is not a fund raiser at this time.

Pontiac would like to see the new “no smoking” signs moved at Rotary Park, appears that the no smoking area is only by a parking spot not the entire park. McCann will get with Mikula.

Comments

Pontiac reported that the “Girl Scout Camp” may be closing and there may be 13 -15 plastic picnic tables that possibly will be available to the city. Need to get with City manager if we can accept the donation.

Mutt Mitts at the Dog Park need to be refilled.

Tegler reported that at Fifth Avenue Park a grill has been laying on the ground since last spring. McCann will take care of removing grill.

Mayor Pro-tem Zielinski thanked the commission for all they do.
Mayor Smith appreciates all committees and commissions for their hard work.

Parks commission gave their congratulations to Smith and Zielinski on their newly appointed positions, and it's great they attend our meetings.

Motion by Sullivan, **second** by Quinn to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

*Next meeting date – **Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary