

City of Manistee  
Parks and Beautification Commission  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
5:00 P.M

**Members Present:** Jason Sullivan, Roger Zielinski, Lynn Vasquez, Erin Pontiac, Ed Tegler, Jeff Mikula

**Excused:** Mark Tomaszewski

**Excused:** Kathie Boyle

**“Scheduled” to be Present:** Jeff Reau of the Economic Restructuring Committee (DDA). He was a no show.

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at City Hall 2nd floor Conference room. Meeting was called to order by Chair Lynn Vasquez at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Pontiac to accept September 18, 2014 minutes and place on file. Motion **approved**.

**Motion** by Vasquez, **second** by Tegler to accept July 17, 2014 minutes and place on file. Motion **approved**.

**Correspondence:** A draft agreement was prepared by Laura Heintzelman from Manistee County Community Foundation to put in place a Manistee Parks Fund.

**Old Business:**

**Community Foundation:** Discussion followed after review the draft agreement submitted by Heintzelman. Commission decided to look elsewhere for holding park funds. Pontiac spoke about a grant she received from Bright Peak Financial and will use it towards Adopt-A-Park. There are more funds the commission can look into without paying fees. Pontiac mentioned Youcaring.com and Gofundme.com as examples.

**Tree planting:** A concept of a “forever forest”. A place to plant trees to remember people who have passed on; a location was mentioned behind Lighthouse Park. Tegler will have a draft made up of ideas for next meeting.

**Round a Bout at 1<sup>st</sup> St. Beach:** Discussed ideas. Main idea is to place ad in newspaper, on the City of Manistee website, and on the City of Manistee Facebook page to have citizens submit their idea. The Parks & Beautification commission would then vote on it.

**Map of pet friendly 1<sup>st</sup> st. beach area:** Commission discussion and reviewed where they would like the pets be allowed on the beach. Vasquez will submit the Commission's approval.

**Bylaws Review:** Vasquez handed out old and new bylaws to have Commission to review. The next meeting will have open discussion.

**New Business:**

**Revise Minutes:** In the February 2014 minutes under NEW BUSINESS, Sub Title (United Veterans Council) the sentence "Commission is requesting to preapprove content of new plaque." The words "CITY COUNCIL" were mistakenly omitted from our minutes. This was in error and it was always our intention that the City Council reviews the wording to be used on the plaque. **Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Pontiac to replace with "Commission is requesting CITY COUNCIL to pre-approve content of new plaque." **Motion approved.**

**Meeting for December, January, February:** **Motion** by Pontiac, **second** by Zielinski to cancel the meeting for December. **Motion approved.**

**Update from Mikula:** All parks have been weatherized. Discussion was had on new skating rink which will be 100 ft by 150 ft and ran by the teen center. There will be a meeting with the teen center on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30.

**Motion** by Vasquez, **second** by Pontiac to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. **Approved** by all.

Next meeting date – Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Pontiac