

**CITY OF MANISTEE  
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 20, 2014  
5:00 P.M.**

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

**Unexcused:** Darci Scott

**Also Present:** Kathie Boyle - City of Manistee  
Eric Sagonowsky, Manistee News Advocate

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Lynn Vasquez at 5:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes - Motion** by Zielinski, **second** by Pontiac to accept February 20, 2014 minutes and place on file. **Motion** approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Adopt a Park** – Zielinski has been working long hours on locating an “Adopt a Park Program” that would benefit the City of Manistee, he has found an “Adopt a Park” program from the City of Lansing. This program contains all the information and forms to start the project. Lynn and Roger handed out the City of Lansing “Adapt a Park” program to city council members prior to their work session on March 11, 2014. Pontiac will prepare council agenda form. Information will then be forward to Mikula to be placed on the April 1, 2014 council meeting. Boyle questioned who would receive the volunteer forms; commission would forward volunteer applications to the DPW. **Motion** by Pontiac **second** by Zielinski to model the City of Lansing’s “Adopt a Park” program. **All in favor.**

***Mikula response: meeting with Lynn Vasquez on March 31, 2014 to prepare agenda request for April 15, 2014 council meeting.***

***General Discussion:***

- Brochures to be give out to potential volunteers
- Place program on city website and city Facebook page.
- We need to adopt this concept or start eliminating city parks.
- Pontiac will check with Cindy Lokovich to verify: “Adopt a Park” is on the agenda.
- Program will now be city council’s hands – ***Mikula response: council can endorse concept.***

**Morton Park** – Pontiac has contact information for Morton’s – commission will wait to see how the “Adopt a Park” program proceeds. Tegler will pick out type of tree for Morton’s Park in memory of John Rozga. Boyle will check with Mikula to see if this could be done during the city’s tree planting program. Location of tree to be determined at a later date. ***Mikula response: yes to tree planting.***

## NEW BUSINESS

**First Street Playground area** – Pontiac asked if wood chips will be under the playground equipment, believes they would be dangerous for young children. Boyle will check with Mikula. ***Mikula response: surface below new playground would be synthetic form matting.***

**Duffy Park** – Will there be any playground equipment taken out of Rocket Park that would be safe enough to place at Duffy Park. While older children are playing soccer the younger kids have nothing to play on. ***Mikula response: several pieces can be relocated. Need to determine new locations.***

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Ninth Street Boat Launch – who owns and maintains area Zielinski believes property is owned by Consumer Energy. Mikula portion of property is owned by Morton's and Consumer Energy – the City does maintain.
- First Street Roundabout – Contact will be made by Vasquez to the Chamber of Commerce to confirm they still have a committee, who's in charge and are they planning another meeting. Possibly asking school children for ideas possibly hold a contest. Area needs to be maintenance free for the DPW. Mikula has excused itself from the process. City is only planning on dune grass at this point.
- Dogs on Beach – Commission has responded to this request at their May 17, 2012 meeting which states: Dogs not are allowed at First or Fifth Avenue beaches from Memorial to Labor Day and no time on the riverwalk. Dogs are allowed to the North Beach Access and Fifth Avenue Beach north of the swim area.

## COMMENTS

None

**Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Pontiac to adjourn @ 6:15 p.m.

***Next meeting date – Thursday, April 17, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. at City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.***

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle  
Recording Secretary