

**City of Manistee  
Parks and Beautification Commission  
Minutes  
Thursday, June 18, 2015  
5:00 P.M**

**Members Present:** Mark Tomaszewski, Roger Zielinski, Lynn Vasquez, Erin Pontiac, Ed Tegler, Jason Sullivan, Danielle Wilkosz

**Unexcused:**

**Also Present:** Jeff Mikula

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 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 Sullivan, **second** by Pontiac to accept May 21, 2015 minutes and place on file. **Motion** approved.

**Public Hearing:** None

**Citizen/public comment:** Linda Soller and Rudy Linke presented their idea for the round – a – bout. Put a 15 by 25 American flag on a 70 foot flag pole in the middle of the round a bout. They will fund the whole project by private fundraising. The commission, Soller, and Linke would like to have the project completed by Labor Day of this year. Cub and boy scouts will maintain it throughout the year. Soller and Link will cover the cost of lighting and other utilities associated with the round a bout.

**Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Sullivan to endorse the flag pole proposal and to accept the funded donation by Soller and Link. **Motion** approved.

The commission would also like to have 8 more flags surrounding the American flag in the near future. For example the Navy flag, Coast Guard flag, Army flag, POW/MIA flag, city flag, etc.

Shelly Green voiced her concerns of dogs off leash on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 1<sup>st</sup> street beach. She is a birdwatcher and don't like that dogs scare the birds there. Discussion was had by the commission of putting "No Dogs allowed" sign at the north end of the pier head and parking lot. Have these signs continuing down the beach. Another option is to add this sign to the existing signs that are in place. Also have signs say "dogs stay between the pier head" or to put "no dogs pass this point" on both sides of the pier head.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Old Business:**

**County Recreation Plan:**

Pontiac reported on the county recreation plan – reminder of public forum scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in Manistee High School Commons area.

**Sign at “Dog Friendly” beach:**

Waiting on the mayor’s approval.

**New Business:**

**Mikula’s updates:**

First street beach concession will be open no later than tomorrow, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The city will be laying diamond dust at Sands park very soon.

The community build is doing great for the Douglas park and they are ahead of schedule.

**Park Tour:**

Scheduled to have the park tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup> during the city council work session.

**Liability of a Parks Commissioner:**

Saylor, the city’s attorney will be invited to July or August commission meeting to explain what the commissioners’ rights are and their legal stance on being on the commission

**Emailing agenda items:**

It is alright to have emails between commissioners about agenda items. Vasquez received approval by the City Mayor.

**Motion** by Tegler, **second** by Pontiac to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Next meeting date – Thursday, July 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Pontiac