

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

Thursday, November 21, 2013

5:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mark Tomaszewski, Ed Tegler, Roger Zielinski, Darci Scott, Lynn Vasquez

Also Present: Jeff Mikula, Kathie Boyle, Gary Niesen - City of Manistee
Ted Arens - United Veterans Council

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Boyle at 5:00 p.m. Boyle informed the commission of two resignations - Chair Reinhardt and Vice-Chair Schimke. Clarification is needed by Reinhardt; City Clerk will verify with Reinhardt if she completely resigned from the Commission or just as Chair. At this time Boyle turned over the meeting to Tegler.

Guest – Ted Arens spoke on behalf of the United Veterans Council and their plans for Phase II at Veterans Memorial Park. T. Eftaxiadis has discovered available money to do a topographical study on the riverbank. Cost estimates are pending; handicap access could provide grant money. Mikula & Niesen did a walk thru on the riverwalk – improvements are absolutely needed. Mikula is requesting sketch of Phase II which is being drafted by Kendra Thompson. **Motion** by Zielinski, **second** by Tegler to endorse implementation concept of Phase II Veterans Memorial Park not to include financial assistance. **Motion Approved.**

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Zielinski, **second** by Vasquez to accept October 17, 2013 minutes and place on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on First Street Beach – Rocket Park – The City has not received official notice from the grant agency.

First Street/Douglas Park Round-a-bout –

Morton Park - Will discuss at work study on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding voting for new chair and vice-chair. It was decided to wait until our March meeting when hopefully we have a full member commission.

Adopt a Park – Vasquez would like the program to continue. Believes we should be working on as the City budget process which begins in February. Commission should get costs for Morton Park upgrades to Mikula by January 2014 for the 2014-2015 budget.

COMMENTS

Mikula passed information on for future meeting discussion:

- Reserving City parks – currently we have “first come first serve policy”. The City Manager will be investigating options in the upcoming year to present to city council. Concept will be presented to P & B Commission before going to council.

Mikula informed the commission of a recent decision made to allow a resident on Harbor Drive to go thru “Dog Park” for removal of his swimming pool.

Motion by Scott, **second** by Tomaszewski to adjourn @ 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting date –Work Study on Thursday, January 16, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. at City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room to discuss “Adopt A Park Program” criteria and budgeting for 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary