

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Members Present: Erin Pontiac, Stephen Spencer, Mark Tomaszewski, Tom Swedenborg, Lani Rozga, Frank Cardella

Unexcused: Dave LaPoint

Also Present: Jeff Mikula, Kathie Boyle, James Smith, Roger Zielinski, Mickey McCann

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Chair Erin Pontiac at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rozga, **second** by Cardella to revise agenda to include items in new business:

- (D) Community Foundation Grant
- (E) Park Commission Budget

All in Favor.

Citizen/Public Comments

None

Motion by Swedenborg, **second** by Spencer to approve March 15, 2018 minutes and place on file. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Park Rules and Regulations are not currently on the city website, when changes to the rules are updated, and pamphlets printed Boyle will forward to Zoning Administrator to include on the website.

Wording changes include:

- “Hamlin Field” change from National Guard Armory to Armory Youth Project
- Add No Pets on Riverwalk

Pamphlets to be placed at concession stands and riverwalk.

Boyle to get quote for printing.

Outdoor Stage Project

Progress is slowly beginning, still working on financing concepts.

Beach Safety/Accessibility

Sign on pier is in need of repair. Mikula to contact the Corp of Engineers.

NEW BUSINESS

Pickle Ball/Tennis Courts

Cardella was approached by pickle ball members to look at installing six courts on the SE corner of the Armory parking lot. Asphalt is in good condition and could easily be stripped for courts. McCann stated there may be a way to accommodate the nets to go up/down easily. Mikula will research and draw up sketches on how much space would be needed and bring to next meeting.

Tree Trimming

Rietz and Szymarek Park taking out dead wood.

Jaycees Beach Event

Jacob Bergamnn discussed a “Beach Bash” event scheduled for July 7th at First Street Beach. Event to show off our beaches and will have musical entertainment and a Polynesian dance group.

Community Foundation Grant

Pre application for grant funding is due May 1, 2018. Mikula to ask Community Foundation if individual committees can submit a grant for the same project. Projects discussed included:

- Pickle Ball Courts
- Sledding Hill
- Tennis Courts at Sands Park
- Riverwalk Repair

Motion by Swedenborg, **second** by Spencer to have Mikula apply for grant to for repairs to Sands Park Tennis Courts in cooperation with Manistee Area Public School. **All in Favor.**

Parks Commission Budget

Pontiac discussed the 2018-2019 Parks Commission budget of \$800.

Mikula looked at the increase in the Parks Department “printing & publishing”. An additional \$300 it contains money is for park brochures.

Footnote: Mikula looked

Discussion

- Adopt A Park
- Signage for Parks that also includes Adopt A Park
- Request police help on riverwalk to patrol for dogs, skateboarders, etc. Mikula to follow up with Chief Kozal.

Updates

- Rietz Park – Manistee Catholic Central and Manistee High Schools (temporarily) will be playing baseball games at the park.
- Snow fence has been removed by the DPW at Fifth Avenue will move on to First Street Beach. The City did not need require assistance from the Manistee County Road Commission for beach leveling this year.
- Mikula explained the Seiche event that occurred on April 13, 2018, reported on damage to the City Marina and the Riverwalk.

Motion by Tomaszewski, **second** by Spencer to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. **All in favor.**

Next meeting date – Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary