

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Members Present: Stephen Spencer, Lani Rozga, Tom Swedenborg, Tim O'Connor

Members Excused: Kipp Pomranky

Members Unexcused: Frank Cardella. Mark Tomaszewski

Also Present: Kathie Boyle

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Kathie Boyle at 5:35 p.m.

Election of Officers

At this time the meeting was opened for nominations from the floor for officers on the Parks Commission for the 2019 – 2020 year. Offices include Chair, Vice-Chair, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary

- **Motion** by Rozga, **second** by Swedenborg to nominate Stephen Spencer for Chair. **All in Favor.**
- **Motion** by **Spencer**, **second** by Swedenborg to nominate Lani Rozga as Vice-Chair. **All in Favor.**
- **Motion** by **Spencer**, **second** by Rozga to nominate Tim O'Connor as Corresponding Secretary. **All in Favor**
- Kathie Boyle to remain as Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rozga, **second** by Swedenborg to approve agenda with revision to include Grant Application for resurfacing tennis courts under New Business. **All in favor.**

Board welcomes new member Tim O'Connor.

Citizen/Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rozga, **second** by O'Connor to approve February 21, 2019 minutes. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence

Resignation letter from Erin Pontiac, application from Tim O'Connor and member information and term endings were distributed by Boyle

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Request McCann to measure area at First Street Rotary Park (new) for some type of fencing along First Street.

Broom Ball Tournament - will attempt next year during winter months and promote as a family activity. Will contact the Chamber of Commerce to get them on board.

New Business

Dogs in City Parks

After discussion members agreed to leave ordinance as is no reason to expand– “no dogs allowed in city parks”.

McCann to measure distance between piers at First Street Beach area where dogs are allowed to swim.

Grant Application for Resurfacing Tennis Courts

Motion by Spencer, **second** by O'Connor to request Jeff Mikula to reapply for grant to resurface First Street Tennis courts implementing pickle ball courts into application. Noted the USDA website has many grants available. **All in favor.**

Items Discussed

Swedenborg suggested adding tetherball courts in our parks, could be set up the same way as volleyball courts.

Ninth Street Boat Launch – members stated that improvements at the ramp are needed. It is in very rough condition and anything that the City could do would be an enhancement, also adding a street light would be beneficial.

Pickle ball courts at Fifth Avenue Beach could not be used as courts are in rough form.

Swedenborg stated the need for routine maintenance at First Street Boat Launch. He witnessed a citizen falling and injuring himself due to the slippery surface. Ramp area should be monitored and swept frequently. Manistee is a destination for boating and fishing we need to continue keeping this area safe. **Motion** by Swedenborg, **second** by Spencer to request the DPW to do routine maintenance. **All in favor.**

O'Connor discussed the need for AED's at the beaches; he is willing to spearhead committee to achieve defibrillators while working with our Fire Department. Stated there is no warranty on used equipment will attempt finding resources for new – cost per AED is approximately \$750.00. O'Connor agreed to donate two cabinets to place the equipment; as soon as you open the cabinet it will immediately dial 911. Defibrillators should be brought into the concession stands each evening. **Motion** by Spencer, **second** by Swedenborg to have O'Connor proceed on acquiring AED's for beaches. **All in favor.**

Swedenborg to contact Cardella to discuss his interest in the Parks Commission.

Motion by Rozga, **second** by O'Connor to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. **All in favor.**

Next meeting date – April 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary