

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Members Present: Kipp Pomranky, Mark Tomaszewski, Lani Rozga, Tim O'Connor

Members Excused: Tom Swedenborg

Also Present: Kathie Boyle – City of Manistee

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at City Hall 2nd floor conference room. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Lani Rozga at 5:50 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pomranky, **second** by Tomaszewski to approve agenda. **All in favor.**

Citizen Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

July 18, 2019 will be approved at next meeting.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

O'Connor reported the defibrillators and cabinets will be installed at both beaches next spring. Police and Fire departments have given their approval on this project. O'Connor is donating the equipment on behalf of the Parks Commission in memory of his father Bruce O'Connor.

Old Business

- Beach Safety Signs – Installed by the DPW

New Business

- Sidewalk Rotary Gazebo – Rotary and Manistee Community Foundation grant provided financing and was constructed by the Department of Public Works.
- Riverwalk Repair – Completed

- Arthur Street Retaining Wall – Completed
- Beach Concession Stands – Both First Street and Fifth Avenue concession stands contract expired September 2019. City will advertise for vendors. Commission would like to review the specifications at a future meeting.
- First Street Tennis Courts – Being designed with a spring construction.
- North Riverwalk – Approximately \$250,000 is needed to upgrade the riverwalk. Safety concerns are becoming a hazard with the walkway – City may consider closing until repairs are made.

Items Discussed

Friends of the Library have installed “take a book - leave a book” stands at three parks – Duffy, Reitz and City Marina. Their committee maintains the stands.

Pomranky will again chair a “Broomball Tournament” tentative date 3rd weekend in January 2020 at the skating rink.

Fifth Avenue Beach House –upgrades are needed at this facility. What would it take to set the vendor up for success?

The First Street Tennis Courts – Discussed adding lines on the courts for pickle ball – commission requests reviewing the design.

O’Connor will spearhead a fund raiser to install shuffleboard courts at 5th Avenue beach. Tentatively having the courts available in 2020 or 2021. Project would be totally funded by O’Connor’s volunteers then dedicated to the City of Manistee.

O’Connor observed signs in another communities that allow dogs on beaches at certain times, i.e. “No dogs on beaches between the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.” this would allow the City to be an even more dog friendly town.

Annual Parks Tour will be held Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Dial a Ride will pick up members at 5:00 p.m. on the Water Street side of City Hall. Boyle to invite City Manager and Council and have Mikula facilitate tour. Boyle to invite Mark Fedder from the Museum to the tour as he is knowledgeable about the history of our facilities.

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

Next meeting date – Annual Parks Tour on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Dial-A-Ride will pick members on Water Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary