

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Members Present: Kipp Pomranky, Tom Oele, Lani Rozga, Tim O’Connor, Robert Brook, Tom Swedenborg

Members Unexcused: Mark Tomaszewski

Present: Kathie Boyle, Mickey McCann, City of Manistee
Roger Zielinski, Mayor

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by zoom and tele-conferencing.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tim O’Connor at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Brooks, **second** by Rozga to approve agenda. **All in favor.**

Public Hearing

N/A

Citizen/Public Comments

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pomranky, **second** by Swedenborg to approve July 23, 2020 minutes. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Disc Golf – Tom Oele updated the commission on the proposed disc golf. An exploratory committee of Oele and Pomranky was created. Ole recently met with Mikula to discuss options. A different location was suggested by Mikula (map provided), area is located at First Street Beach South Lakeshore Road by Dog Park. Oele explained how course would be laid out and the positive

impact this would bring our community. Disc Golf is a wonderful sport that can be family orientated and kid friendly. Ole has been in contact with two professional contractors and will set up a meeting to have them come to the site. Members request that discussion/correspondence be held with property owners on Harbor Drive to be aware of what may be going on behind their property. Presentation of project to City Council is also requested. Consensus of commission project is very excited with a "let's get going" consensus. Projected date would be to try to have the course up and ready by Memorial Day 2021. "Thanks Ole for a great presentation".

New Business

Review/Update Bylaws – a sub-committee was formed including O'Connor & Rozga to update/review our bylaws. Will discuss at our next meeting any proposed updates. All members are to review and bring comments to our next meeting. Bylaws have not been updated since 2009.

Volunteer Group – 5th Avenue – Brooks has scheduled volunteers to paint a piece of playground equipment, they will be cleaning and painting the monkey bars. – McCann will purchase paint.

Assigning Members their own park – Asking each member to choose a park to monitor.

Social Media Presence – "Adopt A Park" is a great program but we need to utilize social media to get volunteers. Ideas – creating a Facebook page letting residents know our resources and how they can become involved.

Parks Commission Statement – A sub-committee of O'Connor, Brooks and Rozga will review on a proposed Parks Commission Statement, members are encouraged to review and make recommendations.

Items Discussed

Mayor Zielinski stated the City Council appreciates all we do. This summer has been a very different summer season than any other year due to Covid. The new normal has been to utilize all our parks which received a lot of use this year.

Rozga will check with her "Adopt A Park" group if they are still interested in Manmade Lake area.

O'Connor requested getting permission to use the new city logo for the commission. Boyle to check with Mikula to which logo would be appropriate.

Motion by Brooks, **second** by Pomranky to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. **All in favor.**

Next meeting date – October 21, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor Council Room at City Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary