

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Members Present: Lani Rozga, Tim O’Connor, Tom Swedenborg, Bob Brooks, Tom Oele

Members Excused None

Present: Jeff Mikula, Kathie Boyle, Mickey McCann - City of Manistee
Council Members Grabowski, Beaton
Kelly Greve Manistee Proud Volunteer Group
Erin Barrett – Live Well Manistee County
Katie Haner – District 10 Health Department
Sam Coram

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. remotely as authorized by the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.263a).

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tim O’Connor at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Hearing

N/A

Citizen/Public Comments

Representatives Erin & Katie from Live Well Manistee and the Health Department 10 are working on a project with a mission to promote a culture of health and wellness for all. To encourage active living and chronic disease prevention. Live Well is applying for a grant that will need a park and recreation audit. This plan will assist in identifying physical activity and non-activity across our area.

Kelly Greve founder of Manistee Proud explained her volunteer group and just want to help to make a difference. The effects of our environment can contribute to our overall wellbeing. Mrs. Greve hopes her compassion leads others to join.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rozga, **second** by Oele to approve March 18, 2021, minutes and place on file. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence

City Clerk received resignation letters from two members, she will advertise the open positions.

- Ron Pomranky
- Mark Tomaszewski

Committee Reports

Park Reservation System – O'Connor continuing to work on draft program– will bring back to commission before forwarding to City Council.

Old Business

Disc Golf Project – No work back from Consumer Energy on our grant.

2021 Parks Recreation Plan – Networks Northwest working to update the County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan. Mikula requesting list from members within the sixty days the needs and wants of the Commission. Plan to have plan updated by fall.

New Business

Red Szymarek Disc Golf Update – Oele and McCann met at site couple weeks ago to discuss certain executions of the course that are not quite right. This Park has been seeing more family usage, it has picnic table, disc golf, porta potty. Disc golf signage is needed to assist golfers which way the course runs. Mikula believes there is enough money in the Parks Department budget to cover approximately \$400 for signs if we can wait until the 2021-22 budget monies are available.

Communication/Correspondence – O'Connor and Oele recently met with the City Manager and Public Works Director to discuss staff liaison on City boards and commissions. This will be discussed at a Council work session at their scheduled June 8, 2021 meeting.

Items Discussed

Minger Grants – Is the Parks Commission allowed to apply separately or just with the city?

Parks Cleanup on invasive species was held recently.

Youth Armory Project – Oele will meet with director of the Amory Youth Project to discuss building a 9-hole disc golf on their own property.

Update of Bylaws – O'Connor putting it in order, hopefully will done and bring back updates to next meeting for approval before forwarding to Council.

Parks Commission Budget – Mikula explained the budget process. Parks Commission budget is for the annual parks tour and small incidentals.

Beach Master Plan – Engineers working on grant to do specific re-development in parks, will update as he receives information.

Seasonal Employees – The Parks Department and City Marina are not fully staffed. City will re-advertise to fill the openings.

Motion by Brooks, **second** by Rozga to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. **All in favor.**

Next meeting date – June 17, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall. *Please use Water Street entrance.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary