

**CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Members Present: Lani Rozga, Tom Oele, Liz Laskey, Bob Brooks, Kelly Greve, Tom Swedenborg

Members Excused Tim O'Connor
Kathie Boyle – Recording Secretary

Present: Mickey McCann - City of Manistee
Council Member Szymanski

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Oele at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Hearing

N/A

Citizen/Public Comments

Mick Szymanski discussed an adult playground idea. Playground would include fitness equipment for health benefits similar as to what would be in a gym but is designed for outdoors. Equipment is expensive but lasts for years. Suggested using Morton Park for this playground. Concept has been discussed at a council work session and they were appreciative to the idea. Lions Club using white cane funds for Morton Park. **Motion** by Swedenborg **second** by Oele to explore idea further and form subcommittee. **All in favor.**

Subcommittee: Tom Swedenborg, Liz Laskey, Mick Szymanski. Committee to report update at July meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brooks, **second** by Swedenborg to approve May 20 , 2021, minutes, and place on file. **All in Favor.**

Correspondence

Oele talked to Amy at Armory Youth Project, and they have designed a 9 hole disc golf course.

Committee Reports

Reservation System – much discussion about this idea. Swedenborg did an informal survey and relayed some responses he received.

Old Business

Disc Golf Update – much discussion about grants (still waiting). Honeysuckle has all been removed but will grow back. Swedenborg brought up the tetherball install – McCann reported he is working on it.

New Business

Staff Liaison Update – Oele commented it was more about getting a process in place. Mikula is the liaison to City Council. Commission members can go directly to council members.

Future Ideas & Projects – Fifth Avenue tennis courts – still need to take fence down. **Motion** by Brooks, **second** by Oele that the tennis courts be dismantled including fences, cement, and lights. Item tabled till next meeting to allow members to review situation.

Implement end of meeting open discussion roundtable – **Motion** by Rozga, **second** by Oele to include open discussion at end of meeting. **All in favor.**

Roundtable Discussion

Greve feeling frustrated trying to improve the Riverwalk and not getting support, just wants things to be nice.

Rozga stated that we need to start planning now for the future at 9th Street Boat Launch

Motion by Oele, **second** by Swedenborg to hold July 15th meeting at Fifth Avenue. **All in favor.**

Motion by Brooks, **second** by Swedenborg to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. **All in favor.**

Next meeting date – July 15, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. at Fifth Avenue Beach House.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes taken by

Lani Rozga

Corresponding Secretary

Kathie Boyle

Recording Secretary