

**CITY OF MANISTEE  
PARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 17, 2022**

**Members Present:** Liz Laskey, Kelly Greve, Tim O'Connor, Lani Rozga, Bob Brooks, Karin Maue

**Members Excused** N/A

**Present:** Bill Gambill Gambill – Manager, City of Manistee  
Kaylie Davis, DHD#10, kdavis@dhd10.org  
Jane Sievert  
Ed Tegler

A regular meeting of the Manistee Parks Commission was held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Council chambers.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Hearing**

N/A

**Citizen/Public Comments**

Jane Sievert made a brief presentation on the Tree Garden and passed out a drawing of Mary Jo Gordon's ideas for the Butterfly Garden. Commission supported the proposal. Jane Sievert will seek assistance from DPW.

Kaylie Davis of District Health Department #10 provided information regarding the "Promoting Active Communities" grant. Sands Park signage has been placed. Casman Academy is slated as a future project.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Rozga, **second** by O'Connor to approve December 16, 2021, minutes. **All in favor.**

**Correspondence**

N/A

## Committee Reports

City of Manistee Park System Rules and Regulations – Maue and Laskey presented the updated rules and regulations which were fully supported by the Parks Commission.

## Old Business

By-Law Review/Update – Maue volunteered to work on updating the current By-Laws to be presented and reviewed at a future meeting.

Disc Golf Update – Commission discussed the purchase of equipment for the course with the funds provided by the Community Foundation Grant. It was agreed that Tom Oele, due to his expertise and experience, O'Connor and Rozga should be part of any purchasing decisions.

Reservation System Pilot – Commission members were surprised at the quick implementation of the system. Several spoke of the feedback received from the community. Will continue to monitor the trial system and make changes as needed. Goal is to eventually move the reservation system online. Bill Gamball relayed that there were 6 scheduled and 8 tentative reservations.

**Motion** by Rozga, **second** by O'Connor that any revenues collected from City Park rentals be placed in a designated fund for maintenance and improvements of City Parks. **All in favor.**

## New Business

Budget priorities for fiscal year 2023 – 9<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch improvements

Morton Park improvements

Add to DPW staff

Sands Park tennis court remove/replace

Replacement of unsightly trash cans and planters

## Roundtable Discussion

Agreed to schedule a Morton Park work session on March 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to review the Morton Park current plan as well as old information.

Discussed grant funding possibilities for continued Parks improvements.

**Motion** by Rozga, **second** by O'Connor to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

**Work session – March 3, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**

**Next regular meeting date - March 17, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers.**

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by,  
Lani Rozga