

*Parks and Recreation Commission Proceedings of February 18, 2020
Ishpeming, Michigan*

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chairperson Norman Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Norman Andrew, Commission members Claudia Demarest, Dr. Stephen Piereson, Dale Thomas, David Morton, and Council Liaison Mike Tonkin. Absent: Angelo Bosio, Edmund Holmgren and School Liaison Carrie Meyer. Also present were DPW Director Carl Petersen, DPW Office Manager April Holm.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Tonkin supported by Dale Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the October 15, 2019 minutes as presented.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION

Pavilion is not quite finished. The garage doors will hopefully be arriving tomorrow afternoon and Stonehouse will install them. A discussion was had regarding the fee for the new pavilion and if it should change because the doors were installed. It was decided that we would try to hold the next park meeting at the new pavilion to discuss further the rental rates and when we can start scheduling rentals. No further action at this time.

PARK REPORT

Carl Petersen presented the park report. The tube slide has been very busy both with private rentals and the public hours. We had to purchase wrist bands this year so that we could try to prevent people from sneaking on the hill without paying. We also decided to put a barricade at the top of the driveway to the Teal Lake Lodge to prevent people from driving down to the lodge during the public hours for safety reasons. There was also a discussion about possibly increasing the number of tubes from 60 to 70 and increasing the daily rate.

We have held a lot of races in Al Quaal this year and they all went well. Fat-Ish Bike race, High school ski race, NMU ski races and the Noquemanon ski race. The Parks Department is currently grooming only 2 of the trails due to the early heavy snow causing trees to cave into the trail. As soon as the snow melts, they will trim back all the trees so that next year all the trails will be open.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

St Rocco's would like to put a roof on the band stand. A motion was made by Dale Thomas to approve St Rocco's to install a roof on the bandstand. The motion was supported by Dave Morton and unanimously approved.

Council Member Demarest brought up the possibility of allowing RVs to camp in the Al Quaal recreation area. A discussion was had by everyone and there were some major concerns about allowing people to camp in the park overnight. Loud noises, kids partying, fires, proper supervision, and certain regulations. It was decided that no further action would be taken unless the City Council wanted to discuss the situation further.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 21, 2020 at 6:30pm. The meeting will possibly be held at the New Lake Bancroft Pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dale Thomas, with support from Claudia Demarest to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm, Recording Secretary