

*Parks and Recreation Commission Proceedings of June 16, 2020
Ishpeming, Michigan*

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 16, 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, Council Liaison Mike Tonkin. Absent: David Morton, Angelo Bosio, Edmund Holmgren and School Liaison Carrie Meyer. Also present were DPW Director Carl Petersen, DPW Office Manager April Holm, and Cemetery/Parks Assistant Foreman Tim Dellangelo.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Claudia Demarest supported by Norman Andrews and carried unanimously to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes as presented.

PARK REPORT

Carl Petersen presented the park report. The new Lake Bancroft Pavilion's Grand Opening will be July 10th at 1pm.

Due to COVID-19 the City had to shut down the Parks and all lodge rentals on 3/15. We recently opened the lodges back up to rentals. The first rentals will be the weekend of the Fourth of July. We have to get the lodges professionally cleaned after each rental to try to keep our residents and staff safe. Due to the unexpected costs of the cleaning we are raising our rates for rentals to \$250 for both lodges and the pavilions will be \$225. We are still collecting the \$100 clean up bond for each rental as well. The pavilions will be a flat rate instead of an hourly rental. Also for the 2020 season we are not differentiating between residents and non-residents.

Our playlots are closed until further notice. As for the ballfields; we are keeping the grass cut on them but as of now we do not have any leagues paying the fee and playing on them. All the big festivals for the summer have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Park crew continues to brush the trails to open as many of them as they can before winter. Our early storms last winter took a toll on the trees along the trails.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held August 18, 2020 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Claudia Demarest, with support from Norm Andrew to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm, Recording Secretary