

*Parks and Recreation Commission Proceedings of February 16, 2021  
Ishpeming, Michigan*

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 through Zoom. Chairperson Norman Andrew called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Norman Andrew, Commission members Angelo Bosio, Edmund Holmgren, Dr. Stephen Piereson, Council Liaison Lindsay Bean. Absent: Claudia Demarest, David Morton, Dale Thomas, and School Liaison Carrie Meyer. Also present were City Manager Craig Cugini, DPW Office Manager April Holm, and Cemetery/Parks Assistant Foreman Ryan Martinac.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Stephen Pieresen supported by Angelo Bosio and carried unanimously to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes as presented.

BOAT LAUNCH

City Manager Craig Cugini gave an update on the Teal Lake boat launch project. He discussed that the City of Ishpeming is going to partner with the City of Negaunee to submit 2 different grant applications for the boat launches. The estimated cost for the project is \$152,000. The City of Ishpeming and the City of Negaunee each committed \$5,000 for the project with the rest coming from the Ishpeming Rotary through fund raising and private donations. The grant application will be submitted on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We should hear the result of the application by the fall of 2021 and plan to install the launch in 2022.

Some concerns were raised regarding DNR approval because of the protected fish habitat and also the operation of the tube slide in the winter. The boat dock will have very little impact on the fish habitat because it is a floating dock. The Park Department personnel will be pulling the dock at the end of the season to put in storage so that will not impact the tube slide operations.

LODGE RENTALS

In December 2020 we began accepting reservations for lodges and pavilions starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have been reserving the rentals on the calendar but are not sending out park permits at this time. We will send out the permits about 1 ½ months prior to the reservation to alleviate the need to send refunds in case we have to cancel the reservations due to COVID.

SKI TRAILS

Our Park Department was very busy last summer and fall clearing out the fallen trees on our ski trails. This year we are happy to report that we have been able to groom and track the Deer Lake, Teal Lake, and the Olympic Trails. When grooming reports become available, we have been posting them on Facebook.

NMU was able to hold a ski race on the trails a few weeks ago and everything went smoothly.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The City Manager announced to the Board that the City of Ishpeming was awarded a grant for \$100,000 for a rustic campground which will be located off Malton Rd. The City had to match 30% of the grant.

The Park & Recreation board had some questions on the management and maintenance of the campground. At this time the City is at the very early stages of the planning of the campground. It will be rustic with minimal lighting, bathrooms with non-potable water. More details will be shared as we move forward with it.

The Manager also shared that the DDA is including in their budget for 2021 a possible skate park which possibly could be placed where the old senior center resided. They are currently only in the design phase of the project which is estimated to cost \$12,000. It is estimated to be about a \$125,000 investment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 20, 2021 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Angelo Bosio, with support from Edmund Holmgren to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm, Recording Secretary