

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Norman Andrews, Commission members, Claudia Demarest, Stevie Parks, Angelo Bosio, Edmund Holmgren, School Liaison Carrie Meyer, David Morton, and Council Representative Lindsay Bean. Also, present was DPW Assistant Foreman-Cem/Parks Kaleb Rundman and DPW Office Manager April Holm. Absent: Dr. Stephen Piereson.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There as none.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Demarest, supported by Commissioner Morton and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 17, 2021 as presented.

#### DOG PARK DISCUSSION

Council Representative Lindsay Bean presented a power point presentation regarding proposing a dog park and possible locations.

She discussed survey results for residents and the surrounding communities. The survey showed an overwhelming support for a local dog park in the city. The 4 possible dog park locations were by the brownstone, 2 by the playgrounds/ballfields, and the last behind Canda Manor.

They had an engineering firm work up possible estimates of the dog park which ranged from \$40,000 up to about \$60,000. She felt that the site behind the football field was the most feasible option considering parking and ease of access.

The commission raised many concerns regarding the dog park. Concerns such as who is going to be in charge of the maintenance of the park because currently DPW is stretched pretty thin. Also, the concern regarding the cost of the park and how we could pay for it.

The commission suggested that Council Representative Bean try to get a committee together of residents that would like to champion the project and come up with more concrete plans for the park as well as a fundraising plan to at least be able to raise at least half of the funds with the other half possibly coming from a grant.

Council Representative Bean was going to try to get a group together and come up with a more solid plan to bring in from of the Parks and Rec Committee.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Demarest ordinance 2-900 regarding camping in Al Quaal Recreation area. She proposed that we begin to issue permits for RV camping in the park.

The commission wanted to wait to see what the interest was in the Malton Road campground. They also asked Commissioner Demarest to put together a proposal to bring to the board for review.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Bosio supported by Commissioner Holmgren to adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried.

*City of Ishpeming  
Parks and Recreation Commission*

*October 19, 2021*

Respectfully Submitted,

April Holm  
DPW Office Manager/Recording Secretary