

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Member Demarest called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Claudia Demarest, Lisa Thompson, Stephen Piersen, Jane Hendrick, Kevin Corkin, and Council Representative Lindsay Bean (6). Absent: David Morton and Edmund Holmgren, and Carrie Meyer (3). Also, present was DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson, DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman and Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk Cathy Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

PARK BOARD MEETING TIME

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Thompson and carried unanimously to change the meeting time for the Parks and Recreation Commission to 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.

GAZEBO, BALLFIELD, AQ BATHROOM, AND CLEAN UP BOND RATES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Bean and carried unanimously to increase the clean-up bond to \$225 from \$100.

There was discussion relating to one rate for both residents and non-residents versus individual rates for the Gazebo, Ballfield, Al Quaal Restrooms which would coincide with what was already done with the lodge rental fees. Concerns were expressed with residents renting facilities for non-residents. The rate would be \$85 for both. Member Piersen expressed his concerns and felt it was not fair to the residents (taxpayers) of the City of Ishpeming to have to pay the additional amount.

A motion was made by Member Demarest and supported by Member Thompson to establish one rate for residents and non-residents for the Gazebo, Ballfields, and Al Quaal Bathrooms to be set at \$85 and the additional hour for the ballfields would also have one rate of \$15. Ayes: Members Claudia Demarest, Lisa Thompson, Jane Hendrick, Kevin Corkin, and Lindsay Bean (5). Nays: Member Stephen Pierson (1). Motion passed 5-1.

RENTAL BOOKING AND CANCELLATION POLICY

General Foreman Bill Anderson reviewed the proposed cancellation policy for rentals. He advised current practice was providing a full refund upon cancellation. He noted this policy has not yet been reviewed by the City Attorney.

A motion was made by Member Bean, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to recommend adoption of the Park Rental Policies and Procedures as presented pending review by the attorney.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Member Bean and Member Thompson suggested a circuit race be sponsored by the City, and under the umbrella of the City, with a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission running the event. The dollars raised for the event would go directly back to the City to fund a special parks project which would be determined at a future time. They suggested a 12-hour race with camping being provided at Al Quaal, along with food trucks being available. Details of the race were further discussed. A suggested date of the event was the second weekend in July.

Members Bean and Thompson would like to be part of the subcommittee and suggested the Parks and Recreation Commission approve the concept for the event and forward the concept to the City Council.

A motion was made by Member Piersen, supported by Member Thompson and carried unanimously to support the concept of a City sponsored running/biking race at Al Quaal in July with a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission to run the event, which would include authorization for participants to camp.

General Foreman Anderson advised the disc golf course was complete, and a couple of holes were set too close to the lodges and will not be able to be used if there were lodge rentals. He noted, there were two sanctioned events: one in June and one in September and for the sanctioned events the holes close to the lodges had to be used. He suggested the Disc Golf Organization rent the lodges for the sanctioned events. The Organization asked for the event fee to be waived.

There was discussion related to the large event fee and the rental fees for the lodges for the sanctioned disc golf event.

After discussion, a motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Thompson and carried unanimously to charge the large event fee of \$450 for the sanctioned disc golf event, however, this large event fee would include the rental of the lodges.

Introductions were made to the two new Parks and Recreation Commission members: Jane Hetrick and Kevin Corkin.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:06 p.m. a motion was made by Member Demarest supported by Member Thompson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Smith
City Clerk