

The Ishpeming Cemetery Board meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Member Pieresen.

Staff present: April Holm-DPW, and Kaleb Rundman-Assistant Foreman Cemetery Parks.
Council Liaison: Councilmember Scanlon was absent.

Present: Jim Bertucci, Dr. Stephen Piereson, and Karen Kasper (3). Absent: Tracy Magnuson and Christine Moffatt

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Member Bertucci, supported by Member Kasper and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023 as presented.

FENCE UPDATE

The proposal to have Marquette Fence fix the cemetery fence was approved by council. It is estimated that the fence will be repaired in 6 to 8 weeks.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Council approved the motion to put the purchase of 2 columbariums into the 2024 budget. The process for obtaining seal bids can start this fall.

CEMETERY REPORT

The council approved including the cost of the remaining 3 years of the GIS mapping of the cemetery in the 2024 budget.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Karen Kasper let everyone know that the Cemetery tours have concluded for the year. She had to cancel a few due to the weather.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND PLACE

The next meeting will be held January 15, 2023, at Ishpeming City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:20p.m., a motion was made by Member Kasper with support from Member Bertucci to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



April Holm
Recording Secretary

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chair Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Claudia Demarest, Lisa Thompson, Stephen Piersen, Jane Hendrick, Kevin Corkin, and Council Representative Lindsay Bean (6). Absent: School Representative Carrie Meyer (1). We currently have two open seats. Also, present was City Manager Craig Cugini, DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson, DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman, DPW Office Manager April Holm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Corkin and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented for 04/18/2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

The Parks and Rec board currently has 2 open seats. David Morton's term ended and Edmund Holmgren decided to step down off the board. DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson proposed to the board to make a recommendation to council to consider reducing the size of the board from 9 members to 7. Last winter the board struggled to have enough members present to hold meetings. Member Demarest made a motion to recommend to city council to reduce the Parks and Rec Board to 7 members with support from Member Piersen. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

LODGE UPDATE

The Park Department is currently working on getting bids to replace the ramps for both lodges and for painting the buildings at Al Quaal especially the bathrooms.

The pumps at Al Quaal Lodge are in the process of being fixed so that we do not have to use the vacor truck to pump out the sewer after each rental.

LITTLE LEAGUE BALLFIELD UPDATE

The park Department has been busy making some necessary repairs to the Little League ballfields. The bleachers have been replaced and the backstop net will be replaced as well. The pump is working but the backflow preventor had to be replaced for the irrigation system.

The roof to the concession stands need to be completely replaced but the park dept was able to fix the leak temporarily. There is potential that the Construction Class at the High School may take on the roof project but that would not be until the fall when school is back in session. The City is also looking into the possibility that the roof damage may be covered by our insurance.

LAKE BANCROFT UPDATE

The playground equipment is being moved by Lake Bancroft Mining Heritage Pavilion so that it can start to be assembled. They are estimating that it will take 2 weeks to completely install. The sidewalks and walkways still need to be put in. The ribbon cutting for the new play lot will most likely be in September for Ray Leverton Day.

PARK REPORT

Stonehouse had to come and fix the Teal Lake Lodge roof due to a large tree branch falling on it during our spring storm causing a hole.