

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chairperson Jane Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Jane Hendrick, Claudia Demarest, Kevin Corkin and School Representative Carrie Meyer (4). Absent: Craig Heikkila and Council Member Jason Chapman and (2) and (1) vacant seat. Also present were DPW Foreman Bill Anderson, DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman and Kathy Hakala-Utility Billing.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mike Tonkin 612 N 3rd St had met the City Manager about Bancroft Lake. There was discussion about the committee that he was on and how they had done some remediation on the lake in the past and that it needs to be done again in the future. He would like to pass it back to the Parks and Recreation Committee. DPW Foreman Anderson discussed how it will be getting flushed in the near future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

There was discussion on the meeting minutes from April 2, 2025, there are some corrections that need to be made.

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Representative Meyer and carried unanimously to approve the minutes with the corrections to be made.

PARK REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Anderson, DPW General Foreman, bought two signs that are going up on 41, council tabled the second two signs. DPW Foreman Anderson expressed that he would like the big ones on US 41 so everything is uniform or small ones that are brown square about 4x4 or 6x6 with a white tent on them with a white arrow. The smaller ones are all over Michigan. DPW Foreman Anderson would like to use the larger place maker ones that states what is there, the cost of them is \$360 per sign and would get some advertising. The smaller ones are free, and the state would place them on M-28.

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Hendrick and carried unanimously to use the smaller signs.

NEW BUSINESS

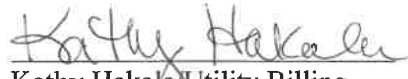
When the Parks and Recreation Board was formed the By-Laws were never established. The City Clerk has started a draft and once it is done it will be brought to the Parks and Rec board for approval.

The engineering proposal was done by a local firm, RG Design from Negaunee. They will draw up all the plans and help with the bid package and will be inspecting the logs and roof. This will go to the Council on Wednesday as a tentative agenda item. It was not put out for bids for the architectural work, technically does not have to go out for bids since it is under the bidding threshold. The consensus was that there it should be open for bids. It will be removed from the Council Agenda and put out for bids in the business exchange. We do not have any bids for the rest of the building, we do not know what must be done. It should have more estimates. Need the work done first before getting bids. The engineer needs to say what needs to be done first.

Member Demarest spoke with the City manager about the Brasswire Campground grant for the solar panels and that as soon as the letter comes in then they can put it out for bids.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:21p.m. a motion was made by Member Hendrick supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to adjourn.


Kathy Hakala Utility Billing