

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Vice Chair, Craig Heikkila called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Claudia Demarest, Kevin Corkin, Craig Heikkila, Jason Chapman, and School Representative Carrie Meyer. (5). Absent: Jane Hendrick (1). One (1) vacant seat. Also present was DPW Director Bill Anderson, City Clerk Cathy Smith, and Tia Billings, Account Clerk-DPW.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest supported by Member Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025 as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding when the wood chips would be placed at the Al Quaal playground and the Second Street playlot; DPW Director Bill Anderson advised he has been in contact with Play Time to determine a date for completion.

Also talked about was the beginner trail and pump track that would be installed at Brasswire Campground by RAMBA and constructing an open pavilion at the campground.

Member Corkin advised as part of the curriculum for the construction department at Northern Michigan University, students design and construct a project. They have constructed pavilions for other campgrounds and local units of government and suggested the City check their availability for next year to do a project at Brasswire.

A motion was made by Member Chapman, seconded by Member Heikkila, and carried unanimously to ask the City Council to check into funding of an open pavilion at Brasswire Campground.

Member Demarest reported the City has received the confirmation letter MDARD for the solar grant; she asked when the signs would be installed on US-41 and M-28; and noted almost all the reviews she has read about the campground have been positive.

DPW Director Anderson advised RG Design had all the data for the lodge and the design should be completed in the next several weeks. He added staff would be painting the bathrooms at the Teal Lake Lodge and would also be repairing the beams in the porch roof and the handrails; he provided an update on the skate park; and advised the old playground equipment would be removed at Al Quaal this fall and the area would be leveled out during the Negaunee Ishpeming Water Authority project.

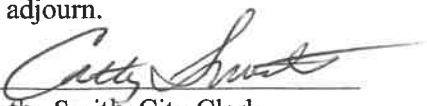
There was some brief discussion related to the water quality of Lake Bancroft.

NEW BUSINESS

DPW Director Anderson reported that cameras would be installed at the Lake Bancroft pavilion bathrooms and at the Al Quaal bathrooms.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:29 p.m. a motion was made by Member Chapman supported by Member Corkin and carried unanimously to adjourn.


Cathy Smith, City Clerk