

MINUTES
CITY OF NEGAUNEE JOINT MEETING WITH THE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 30, 3008

Members Present: Mayor Peterson, Council Members Wickstrom, Thomas, Perucco, Gravedoni, and Wills

Members Absent: Council Member Stanaway

Parks and Recreation Members Present: Gerald Corkin, Tim King, Kyle Johnson and Anna Mattson

Others Present: Dan Czarnecki, DPW Director and

Council Member Gravedoni pointed out that the agenda was not in proper order as the Approval of the Agenda and a 2nd Public Comment was not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Perucco, supported by Council Member Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

TOUR OF PARKS AND FACILITIES

Dan Czarnecki stated that in discussions with City Staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission it was decided that a tour of the City parks would be a good idea to familiarize everyone with the park system and facilities.

Derek Dushane proceeded to give the group a tour of the Ice Arena's floor, locker room, boards and mezzanine. He reviewed what needed to be done in priority order.

The reconstruction of Lacombe field was discussed along with a sprinkler system and new field signs.

Rivers field is used mainly by young kids to early teenagers. There are also horseshoe courts used by adult leagues. Improvements in the current Recreation Plan are to construct a permanent bathroom facility and a new softball field. The horseshoe courts could possibly be moved to another location and the playground equipment needs to be replaced.

Miner's Park is the current showcase park of our community. This park has two basketball courts, a sand volleyball court, and two playground structures. The priorities

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would be to upgrade the playground equipment, put in permanent bathroom facilities, construct picnic shelter, construct second volleyball court and reconstruct the basketball courts.

Teal Lake Beach Area is used heavily during the summer months. Improvements to the beach area, construction of a changing facility, replacing the beach sand and signage, landscaping were discussed.

The meeting was recessed for an hour for dinner.

The park at the football field is actually on Negaunee Public School's property but is maintained by the City. The playground equipment needs to be replaced the area needs to be expanded and have new signage/landscaping.

The current Jackson Park may be relocating elsewhere in the City. If the sale of this area goes through, some amenities will remain and some will need to be relocated. Items that may remain include the bocce ball court and the tennis courts.

The City of Negaunee maintains the grass in Veteran's Park but the VFW maintains the monument and other veteran items at this location. The closing of Silver St. added additional space to this park.

The Old Towne park area is new and would be converted into the new Jackson Park. Some items discussed for this area include picnic shelter, sitting areas, and concession and restroom facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ann Yoho
Deputy Clerk