

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2016
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald Corkin, Jeff Rogers & Anna Mattson

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Thomas & Bill Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane, Jeff Thornton, Don Gladwell, Chris Nelson, Jason Siik, James Larsen & Kim Koski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Rogers and second by Corkin to accept the February minutes. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Baseball/Softball User Groups

Chris Nelson NHS JV Girls softball coach presented the JV/Varsity game and practice schedule for the 2016 season at LaCombe Field. Their game schedule starts 4/25/16 and runs thru 5/26/16. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 4-7pm (Varsity 4-5:30pm JV 5:30-7pm) when they do not have a game.

Jason Siik NHS Boys baseball coach presented the game and practice schedule for the 2016 season at Irontown Field. Their game schedule starts 4/26/16 and runs thru 5/25/16. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 5-7 pm when they do not have a game. They will also practice on Saturday when the schedule permits.

James Larsen presented the Wishigan Baseball Schedule for the Irontown Field, which consists of 4 Sunday dates starting 6/5/16 and runs thru 7/31/16 all game times are 1pm.

Don Gladwell board member of the Negaunee Little League presented the boys and girl's baseball/softball schedules for Lacombe, Rivers and Irontown fields for the 2016 season.

The girls tee ball, developmental, minor, major and junior leagues will be using Lacombe Field for practices on Saturday/Sunday from 12-4pm during the months of May and June.

The boys tee ball, developmental, minor and major leagues will be using Rivers Field Monday thru Friday from 5pm-8pm for practice and games during the months of May and June. The boy's junior league will be using Irontown field for practice and games. The schedule will be coordinated to not conflict with the NHS baseball season during the month of May.

Kim Koski presented the Iron Range Women's Softball League schedule which will start for the season at Lacombe Field on 5/11/16 and runs thru 8/17/16. They are requesting 3 time slots on Wednesdays. They will host there League playoffs 8/12/ – 8/14 at Lacombe Field.

The Renee Thomas tournament requested the dates of 7/29/16 – 7/31/16 for their annual Co-ed softball tournament at Lacombe Field.

Kyle Wills representing the Negaunee Irontown Association requested the dates of 7/1/16 – 7/9/16 for the annual Negaunee High School Alumni Tournament at LaCombe Field.

Xplosion Softball Inc. requested the dates of 8/5/16 – 8/7/16 for a girls 10-14U softball tournament at LaCombe Field.

Jackson Pit men's fast pitch softball team requested the dates of 6/17/16 – 6/19/16 for a Co-ed softball tournament at LaCombe Field.

Motion by Corkin and second by Rogers to accept all the baseball/softball user groups' field requests for the 2016 season. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bernie Rivers Park Project

The State grant Coordinator has given the City permission to seek bids for the basketball court, parking area, pathways, benches and picnic grills. The bid opening will be May 2 then going to city council for approval at their May 12 meeting. There are several items still waiting for the States approval power/lighting, recycling containers and restoration work.

Jackson Park Pavilion Project

The Pavilion group will continue to meet and concentrate their efforts on the fundraising campaign. They are working on a mailer and meeting face to face with financial institutions, business owners and service organizations.

OTHER BUSINESS-UPDATES:

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The Negaunee Beautification Committee will meet for the first time of the year on April 20. The agenda for the meeting will be to put a plan in place for the projects they would like to accomplish in 2016. They continue to work on a PSA with Charter.

Maple Street Parking

The City manager informed the board about the possibility of MDOT making changes at the intersection of US 41 and Maple Street. The City feels the best option would be to continue Maple Street as a one way to US 41 and add additional diagonal parking spots for Miners Park users. The City manager will provide the board more information at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm