

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2016
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerry Corkin, Anna Mattson, John Thomas & Luke Hubbard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Carlson & Jeff Rogers

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Thomas and second by Hubbard to accept the May minutes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2016/2017 Ice Season Schedule

City staff informed the board about potential changes that could affect the upcoming ice season schedule. The athletic director and NHS hockey coach have asked about the feasibility of the high school hockey team practicing before school during the week to accommodate the coach. City staff informed them it is not the most ideal situation but would be willing to work with them on a schedule that would not highly impact the rest of the user groups. If this move is made it would impact IRHA and daily open skate hours. Several board members voiced concerns about the move and how it would affect the daily operations of the ice arena. City staff will be in contact with the athletic director, NHS coach and IRHA scheduler to continue to work out a schedule for all user groups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bernie Rivers Field Park Project - Update

City staff brought the board up to date on the Rivers Field project. Penchura along with subcontractor Associated construction have completed the parking lot, 2 ADA parking spots, basketball court and pathways. Penchura will be installing the basketball hoops, benches and grills before the end of August. The City's electrical staff is currently installing new lighting and updating the existing electrical in the park. The goal is to have these completed by mid-September.

Additional Rivers Field Project Items

Penchura has been assured from the State grant coordinator about an extension for the DNR grant into the summer of 2017. The extension is going to allow us to spend the full amount of the grant on additional projects in the park. City staff has already put in a request to purchase a scoreboard and ADA concrete walkways around the existing bleachers. The Board discussed several ideas on how to best spend the money then asked City staff to price out paving the walkways, parking lot and a pavilion. City staff will have these for the September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES

Negaunee Beautification Committee Report

The NBC continues to work on all of the beautiful flowers in town. The NBC group would like to purchase a sign that promotes the groups work and the future of the committee.

Selling of Bartle Park

The City has been approached about selling Bartle Park to a resident who has maintained the area around Bartle Park for many years. City staff has recommended not to sell the property as it has several man holes which access the infrastructure running thru it (Partridge Creek). If the City decides to sell the property it will be brought to the board for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5.15pm