

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2016
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Rogers and second by Hubbard to accept the October minutes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing 5 yr. Recreation plan/resolution

A public hearing was held for the update to the City of Negaunee Parks and Recreation 5 year master plan. The plan was open to the public for viewing through the City of Negaunee's website. No one from the public spoke on the plan. After a brief discussion by the board on the updated plan and resolution a motion was made to accept the plan. A motion by Thomas second by Rogers to accept the updated plan and resolution as presented to the board. Roll call vote Corkin – yes, Thomas – yes, Mattson – yes, Rogers – yes & Hubbard – yes. None – no. Motion passed.

Heikki Lunta Winter Fest

The Upper Peninsula Luge Club will be hosting the 2017 Heikki Lunta winter fest on January 13 & 14 at various locations in downtown Negaunee. The events include an opening ceremony, parade, snow shoeing, kid's games and conclude with fireworks in Old Towne. A motion by Thomas second by Rogers in support of the UPLC and its efforts on hosting the 2017 Hiekki Lunta winter fest. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bernie Rivers Field Park Project - Update

City staff brought the board up to date on the project. City staff presented the letter that was sent to the State requesting an extension to the grant to allow us to spend the additional monies on the projects previously discussed. We hope to have an answer from the State on the request in January 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES

Negaunee Beautification Committee Report

The NBC has asked the Master Gardening professor from NMU if any of the students involved in the curriculum would be interested in assisting the group on future projects. The adopt a bench program has finished with 10 benches being sold and placed throughout the parks. The group will be working on Signage for 2017.

Ice Arena Skate Sharpener

A brief discussion took place on the state of the skate sharpener and its availability to the public. City staff informed the board the skate sharpening was functioning and always available.

Revenue/Expenditure report

City staff currently provides a revenue report to the board in their monthly packets. It was asked if the City staff could also provide an expenditure report for future packets. City staff will look into this request.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm