

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2019  
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Rogers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derek DuShane, Nate Heffron & Bridget Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion by Hubbard and second by Corkin to accept the January minutes. Motion passed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bridget Johnson spoke about the potential Rotary Teal Lake project. She and her family enjoy the nature and wildlife that inhabit that area of Teal Lake and feel a beach area may have a negative impact on them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rotary Club of Ishpeming – Teal Lake Project**

The third public hearing was held on a potential project involving the Rotary and the Cities of Ishpeming and Negaunee. The project would include an ADA swimming, fishing & boating access point on the west end of Teal Lake located in the Al Qual area. The two Cities will be compiling a report to present to the Rotary from the public hearings. From there the Rotary will make a determination on how to move the project forward and present to both Parks and Recreation boards.

**Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club**

The UPCRC has countered with questions regarding the land use agreement with the City. The City Manager and attorney will be addressing their concerns. The City Manager hopes to have the land use agreement completed and presented to the board for the April meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Jackson Mine Park IOHT Pavilion – Update**

GEI Consultants has finalized the project construction plans and they have been submitted (2/1/19) to the MDNR for review and approval. We were informed the reviews are taking 60 plus days to complete. Following MDNR approval the project will be going out for bids.

**OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES**

**NBC Report**

The NBC will be meeting for the first time of the year on April 17, 2019 to discuss upcoming projects and their mission statement.

**Senior Center Playground**

Board member Thomas asked about the state of the playground at the Senior Center in relation to the new pavilion and possible playground at Jackson Mine Park. Several of the new pieces of equipment, benches and plantings were funded by a local business and service organization. If a new playground is constructed the plantings will remain in the park. The new equipment and benches that can be used will be relocated to other parks in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm