

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2019  
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gerald Corkin, John Thomas & Anna Mattson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Rogers & Luke Hubbard

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derek DuShane, David Nelson, Don Gladwell & Sally Davis

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Thomas and second by Mattson to accept the March minutes. Motion Passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Upper Peninsula Community Rowing Club**

The recreational land use agreement between the City and the UPCRC was presented to the board for review. The land use agreement was accepted by the UPCRC at their April meeting. Sally Davis representing the group discussed the Club's intentions of starting a pilot program on Teal Lake to meet the demands of users on the West end of Marquette county. City staff informed the group that the property included in the land use agreement will not allow them to launch their boats from the shoreline. The terrain and access to the water are too steep. Board member Thomas asked how the rental fee of \$1.00 for the agreement was determined. It was stated the fee was determined by the City Manager/Attorney. Thomas stated he was not in favor of the \$1.00 fee in comparison to what the City charges other user groups. A discussion followed on the fee, logistics of storing equipment and access to launch the boats. A motion was made by Mattson second by Corkin to accept the land use agreement as presented to be sent to council for approval. Roll call vote Corkin – yes, Mattson – yes, Thomas – no. Motion passed. All board members stated they are in favor of the program.

**Baseball/Softball User Groups**

The NHS JV/Varsity softball game schedule for the 2019 season at Lacombe Field starts 4/25/19 and runs thru 6/8/19. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 3:30-7pm (JV 3:30-5pm Varsity 5-7pm) when they do not have a game and Sundays from 1-3pm.

The NHS girls' softball program will be hosting the MHSAA regionals at LaCombe field on 6/8/19.

NHS Boys Varsity baseball game schedule for the 2019 season at Irontown Field starts 4/30/19 and runs thru 6/1/19. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 4-6pm when they do not have a game.

The NHS boy's baseball team will be hosting a tournament 5/11/19 and MHSAA districts on 6/1/19 at the Irontown Field.

The Negaunee Legion baseball season will begin 6/15/19 and run thru 7/20/19 at the Irontown field

The Superior Land Baseball League schedule for the 2019 season at Irontown Field starts 6/3/19 and runs thru 8/12/19 all games will be played on Monday nights @6:30pm.

Don Gladwell president of the Negaunee Little League presented the boys and girl's baseball/softball schedules for Lacombe, Rivers and Irontown fields for the 2019 season.

The girls tee ball, developmental, minor, major and junior leagues will be using Lacombe Field for practices on Saturdays from 10am-4pm during the months of June, July & August. All league games will be played at Lacombe field.

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, June, July & August.

Negaunee Little League will be hosting the Major division sanction tournament at Rivers Field on 7/6/19 thru 7/13/19

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/Legion baseball seasons.

Iron Range Women's Softball League requested the dates for their season at Lacombe Field of 5/15/19 and runs thru 8/28/19. They are requesting 3 time slots on Wednesdays. It is yet to be determined if they will use Lacombe for their end of the year playoffs.

Negaunee Irontown Association requested the dates of 7/5/19 thru 7/28/19 for the annual Negaunee High School Alumni Tournament at LaCombe Field.

Negaunee Travel Softball requested the dates of 8/9/19 – 8/11/19 for a girls 8U-12U softball tournament at LaCombe Field.

John Thomas requested the dates of 7/26/19 – 7/28/19 for the Renee Thomas Softball tournament.

Motion by Thomas and second by Mattson to accept all the baseball/softball user groups' field requests for the 2019 season. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Jackson Mine Park IOHT Pavilion – Update**

The MDNR has approved the project construction plans (4/5/19) for the Jackson Mine Park and Pavilion project. GEI consultants has put the project out to bids with the bid opening to be held on May 9, 2019 @2pm in City hall.

## **OTHER BUSINESS-UPDATES:**

### **NBC**

The Negaunee Beautification Committee will meet for the first time of the year on April 17th. The agenda for the meeting was passed out to the board. Students at Lakeview School will begin the annual Marigold Mania project on April 12th. The NBC is requesting a revenue/expenditure report to determine their upcoming finances.

### **Joint Parks and Recreation Committee**

Board member Thomas asked about a potential joint Parks and Recreation board being formed with the City of Ishpeming to control Negaunee/Ishpeming recreation corridor. City staff stated they had no knowledge of a board being formed.

### **Caving ground Fencing – Old Towne**

David Nelson City planning/zoning administrator informed the board of the potential of some caving ground fencing being removed in Jackson Mine Park. The location of the fencing is near the site of the new pavilion project. Ideas for the area will be discussed at future meetings.

**City Insurance Claims**

City staff informed the board of the insurance claims the City has made from the damage the snow caused at the Ice Arena and LaCombe Field.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm