

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2019  
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Rogers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derek DuShane & Dale Hopper

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion by Thomas and second by Corkin to accept the June minutes as presented. Motion passed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NHS hockey locker room project**

Dale Hopper the Negaunee High School hockey coach presented a conceptual design for a locker room project in the ice arena. The locker room would be utilized by the high school hockey program. The locker room would be built using private donations, donated materials and labor. Following a discussion, a motion by Thomas and second by Hubbard to accept the conceptual design for the locker room project. Motion passed. Dale Hopper will be attending the September P&R meeting to continue moving the project forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Jackson Mine Park IOHT Pavilion – Update**

Associated Constructors has started the project which has included site prep, clearing and grubbing of trees & access road. The footings and foundation for the pavilion have been poured.

**OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES**

**Negaunee Beautification Committee Report**

The NBC will be holding a work bee in the month of August. The group continues to work on a conceptual drawing for the Bernie Rivers Park flower area.

**Ice Arena**

The snow damage that was caused to the ice arena and surrounding areas continues to be repaired. The areas that have been repaired to date are – Welcome sign, office window, paint and patch of hallway & 2 roof vents. The compressor fence, 1 roof vent and entry way still need to be repaired.

City staff and GEI consultants are working on plans for a storage addition to the ice arena. The addition is 35' X50' to include a second story loft area. The total cost of the project is yet to be determined. Motion by Corkin and second by Thomas to support the construction of a storage addition to the ice arena. Motion passed.

### **Parks**

City Staff informed the board of possible projects to be completed in 2020. Installation of playground equipment at several parks – Sunset Dr, Ann St, Buffalo Rd & Copper St. Sidewalks at Bernie Rivers Park. Concrete entry way for the band shell.

### **Lacombe Field**

Board member Thomas stated he had meet with the group who would like to construct new dugouts at Lacombe field. City Staff has also been contacted by the group regarding the project. City staff informed the group of the necessary steps that need to happen to move the project forward. The group will be attending a P&R meeting in the future to discuss the project.

### **Jackson Mine Playground project**

City Staff would like to submit a MDNR Passport or Land & Water grant application to assist with the funding for the playground project. The MDNR grant application is due April 1, 2020. A motion by Thomas second by Corkin for the City to seek funding through a MNDR grant application for the Jackson mine park playground. Motion passed

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm