

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2019
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerry Corkin, Anna Mattson & John Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Rogers & Luke Hubbard

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane & Nate Heffron

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Corkin and second by Mattson to accept the September minutes as presented. Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: City Manager Nate Heffron spoke about two park projects he is currently working on in the City. The first being the old water works building/property located on Teal Lake. The city is in discussions with the Lions club about building and property renovations at this location. The second project is the 400 acres known as “old town” and turning it into a recreation area and deeming it official park space for future development. Both projects will be brought to the board in the next few months for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree USA & Forestry Management Plan

City Manager Nate Heffron informed the commission of their duties as part of the Tree USA & Forestry Management ordinance. The administrative end of the plan will be handled by City hall staff. The board will be asked for input on public parks, city owned right of ways and any additional reporting requirements. Forest management plan will require hiring a company to access our property and advise how to properly maintain.

Negaunee Lions Club

The Negaunee Lions club at their September meeting approved a plan to reserve \$10,000.00 of the Lions Community Enrichment Fund for a playground project in the City to be located near the Jackson Mine Pavilion. Along with this donation and additional monies the City is going to apply for a MDNR grant for their April 2020 grant cycle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jackson Mine Park Pavilion – Update

GEI consultants has provided an end of the year update of the project. Associated plans to continue working on the interior of the pavilion throughout the winter (plumbing, fixtures, electrical & wall construction). Work to be completed in the spring includes exterior work, clearing, grading and water/sewer installation. The City will install the electrical connection and transformer in the spring.

OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES

Negaunee Beautification Committee Report

The NBC has wrapped up for the year and beginning preparations for the 2020 season. The NHS wood shop class is constructing new Iron Ore carts for planting in the spring. Plans for the Rivers park planting project are being made.

Jackson Park Tennis Courts

The tennis courts, property located directly to the east(playground) and the east entryway in Jackson park will be going to public action in 2020. Jackson park will then be removed from the cities master and recreation plans.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm