

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2020  
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derek DuShane

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jackson Mine Park playground grant application**

City staff & GEI consultants determined final cost estimates of project to be \$167,647.90 with the City match being (25%) \$41,911.98. The City will be making a grant application in the amount of \$125,735.92. The City will obtain matching funds through \$31,911.98 city force labor and in-kind materials and \$10,000.00 from Negaunee Lions Community enrichment fund. The grant application deadline is April 1, 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Jackson Mine Pavilion – Update**

Associated Constructors continue to work on the pavilion with tongue and groove cedar and electrical fixtures being installed. Work continues in the restrooms and mechanical room. Water, sewer and electrical connections will be completed in the spring.

**OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES**

**Negaunee Beautification Committee Report**

The NBC will be meeting April 15, 2020 to kickoff their season. The Mining Journal featured a story on the NHS woodshop class constructing 1844 ore cart planters partnering with the City and NBC. The board thanks Anna Mattson and Kevin Bell for continuing this partnership.

**Jim Thomas recognition**

City staff received an email asking the parks board to consider recognizing Jim Thomas in some fashion for all of his work on the heritage trail and Old Towne area. It was stated Jim was heavily involved in the development of: iron heritage trail, board walk around pit one, Collins cabin and an ad hoc member of the JMP pavilion project. The board will act on this following the City council's input.

**Recreation Corridor**

Board member Thomas asked board members if they have been made aware of an additional recreation authority with the City of Ishpeming. Board members are not aware of any such authority. Following a discussion Chairman Corkin will set up a meeting with the City manager to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm