

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2021
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerry Corkin, Anna Mattson, John Thomas & Jeff Rogers

MEMBERS ABSENT: Luke Hubbard

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane, Nate Heffron & Josh Paquet

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Thomas and second by Mattson to accept the December minutes. Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jackson Mine Park – Playground Project Timeline

The City has been awarded a 2021 MDNR Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$125,700.00 for the construction of the Jackson Mine Park Playground.

The total cost of the project is \$167,647.90 with the City's match being \$41,947.90.

Josh Paquet – GEI Consultants presented the project timeline.

June 2021 – sign project agreement with the State of Michigan

September 2021 - finalize the project design

April 2022 – go out on bids for the project

May 2022 – select contractor for the project (City Council)

June 2022 – construction begins

The City plans on this project being completed in the fall of 2022.

The City will also look to partner with other funding sources for the project. Possible sources include additional grant monies, service organizations and local donors.

Joint Teal Lake Dock Project

The City manager spoke on the Joint Teal Lake non-motorized craft floating launch project. The project has been in discussion since 2018 with the City of Negaunee, Ishpeming and the west end Rotary club. Each City would have an ADA kayak launch located on their shoreline of Teal Lake.

Funding for the project was initiated with a \$10,000 donation from the Rotary club. Each City has committed \$5,000 towards the project. The City of Ishpeming will be submitting a MDNR grant application for the additional funding of the project. Total cost is estimated at \$140,000 with a 25% match required.

Josh Paquet – GEI Consultants presented a plan for the Negaunee non-motorized craft launch site. The launch site in Negaunee would be located on the Teal Lake shoreline directly across from the lower parking lot of Lakeview school. Two ADA parking stalls would be located in the school parking lot with a universal access path (corner of Croix & Lakeview St) to the dock location.

The launch site in Ishpeming would be located in Al Quaal near the Teal Lake lodge.

Motion by Thomas and second by Rogers for the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide a letter of support for the Negaunee/Ishpeming non-motorized craft launch project to the City Council. Motion passed.

Board members spoke in favor of the project for Teal Lake and what it would bring to the community.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES

Negaunee Beautification Committee Report

The NBC will meet with a landscape architect from GEI consultants to work on a design for the plantings in and around the Jackson Mine Park playground project. The goal for the design is to be maintenance friendly.

Ice Arena

The ice arena continues to be closed per the Governor/MDHHS restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The current restrictions are being lifted on January 16th allowing limited skating activities with no contact, contests or scrimmages.

Campground

Board member Thomas spoke about the City of Ishpeming building a campground and it being in conflict with the potential campground project in the City of Negaunee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm