

**RECORD OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gaertner at 6:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Kyle Bond, Lindsay Gaertner, James Jones and Lanice Rutter

Members Absent: Kate DeVries-McIsaac, Heidi Farmer and Thomas Nickerson Jr

Also in Attendance: Wayne Koppa, Cheryl Melory and Kimberly Murphy, Recording Secretary

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Approval of Agenda

17-023

Moved by Bond, seconded by Rutter to approve the agenda as presented:
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2017
- B. Expenditure Report thru August 2017

17-024

Moved by Rutter, seconded by Bond that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

VI. City Manager Report - None

VII. Committee Reports

Gaertner informed the Committee that they have a late-night skate session scheduled for September 30, 2017 till midnight. Bond will adjust the timer so the lights stay on.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Parks & Recreation Committee By-Laws recommendations from the City Attorney

17-025

Moved by Rutter, seconded by Bond to approve the Parks & Recreation Committee Bylaws as recommended from the City Attorney and forward to the Grayling City Council for approval;

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

B. DNR Recreation Grant 2017 Update

No update

C. Canoe Launch Project Update

No update per Erich

IX. New Business

A. Wayne Koppa & Alice Snyder – Walkable Community

Wayne Koppa introduced himself to the Committee and stated Alice Snyder couldn't be here and sent Cheryl Melroy in her place. Wayne asked the Parks & Rec Committee where they were at with the planning of the proposed route connecting to the Iron Belle Trail coming into the City, the board is still waiting for a proposed route from the State. Kyle said he would get with the City Manager and get a copy so they can start planning out the route. Koppa stated he believes right now the plan is to come thru the back of the farmers market and down the current bike path we have on State Street which will miss the whole downtown and the businesses, he suggests this board get the map and start planning a route.

Koppa also said the #1 form of recreation is walking, he stated that Grayling has areas that do not have sidewalks and areas where the sidewalks need improvements, some are in rough shape, he feels that creating a walkable community should be a long-term goal for this board and it should also look good astatically, as well as both sides of M-72. He suggested to check with the City's Zoning to see if a new business opens up to they need to develop a sidewalk for pedestrians if they don't have one. They could also look for grants from MDOT. Koppa informed the committee of a quarterly bicycle pedestrian meetings that are held in Gaylord, Bond stated he would get with the City Manager and start attending these meeting.

Cheryl Melroy informed the board that she is part of a committee with the Crawford County Collaborative serives called the Community Health

Improvement Committee. They meet the 3rd Monday of the month. She stated that with money from the Health Department they have put up gaga ball courts at the Elementary School, Middle School and Michelson Memorial Church, sports equipment for the school, pickleball equipment, aerobic drumming equipment, chair volleyball as well as the Get up and loop it brochures and kiosks. She went over the Get up and loop it program with the committee which consists of 4 different walking loops in the City and passed out brochures showing the routes. They will be doing a community challenge, Loop it where you live. She said they would love to work with the City Parks and Recreation Committee and would pass along information regarding the Fitness equipment for the City Park and also contact information with Huron Pines regarding preserving greenspace. She also brought up wanting us to work on creating smoke free parks. The consensus of the board was to put the Park rules on the next agenda to go over and possibly add some language making the parks smoke free.

**** James Jones left at 6:38 PM**

B. Update the Capital Improvement Schedule

The board made some changes to the Capital Improvement schedule including changing the projected year and a few priorities, they took out Project #8 due to not enough room to add a dog run to the City Park, however, they do have stations available in the park for dog poo. Deputy Clerk Kim Murphy will bring the revised Capital Improvement schedule back with the changes for approval.

X. Public Comment - None

XI. Committee Member Comments - None

XII. Adjournment

Chairperson Gaertner adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Kimberly Murphy
Deputy Clerk

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