

**RECORD OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017  
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

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

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present: Kyle Bond, Kate DeVries-McIsaac, Heidi Farmer, Lindsay Gaertner, James Jones and Lanice Rutter

Members Absent: Thomas Nickerson Jr

Also in Attendance: Cheryl Melroy, Kim Chandler and Kimberly Murphy,  
Recording Secretary

**III. Public Comment - None**

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**17-026**

Moved by Farmer, seconded by Bond to approve the agenda as presented:  
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

**V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

A. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2017

B. Expenditure Report thru September 2017

**17-027**

Moved by DeVries-McIsaac, seconded by Bond that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

**VI. City Manager Report – Not Present**

**VII. Committee Reports**

Gaertner stated they had the Late-Night Skate Session and thanked Kyle for fixing the lights. More to come with skate park stuff.

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

### **A. DNR Recreation Grant 2017 Update**

Denise from NEMCOG sent an email to the Erich requesting some more information to increase our chance of scoring more points; picture of sign, increasing handicap parking spaces and also adding picnic tables that are handicap assessible. Erich, Kim and Kyle worked on getting that information. Should hear something this month if we make it thru the first round.

### **B. Canoe Launch Project Update**

DeVries-McIssac said the State Police came back with an approval for the project with some additional fencing changes. Erich is going to add the additional costs and that should get funded as well. Parking lot will be pushed back to the Spring.

### **C. Capital Improvement Schedule updates**

The changes that were approved at the last meeting look good.

## **IX. New Business**

### **A. 2018 Meeting Schedule**

#### **17-028**

Moved by Farmer, seconded by DeVries-McIsaac that the 2018 Meeting Schedule be approved as presented:

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

### **B. Update City Park Rules to include “no smoking”**

Deputy Clerk Murphy went over the City Park Rules and the Code of Ordinance and the difference between the two, being the Code of Ordinances are enforceable by the Police Department, whereas the City Park Rules cannot be enforced by the Police Department, Bond stated that his guys could enforce the City Park Rules. Farmer stated she is not in favor of totally banning smoking, she would like to have a designated area for smoking.

Cheryl Melory handed out some flyers for no smoking and tobacco free parks. She also went over a Resolution that the City of Cadillac created to adopt tobacco-free outdoor recreation areas policy. She would like to see the parks smoke-free but agrees we could start small. Letters of support are available and she will get these sent over to the Deputy Clerk for this board to review. Kim Chandler agreed that starting small would work although she would like to see no smoking at all but starting small creating smoke free areas is a start.

Bond asked if there was help with signage and Kim stated that her and Cheryl are part of the Crawford Health Improvement Committee and every year they have about \$5000.00 that could help with signage and receptacles for butts, because it improves the health and wellness for Grayling and her committee has been looking for something like this.

The consensus of the board was to come up with the wording for the smoke free areas and come back to the next meeting. No smoking except for designated areas for all parks within the City. Cheryl is going to have some Donna send over some examples of signage and wording to the Deputy Clerk and she will add it to the next agenda so the board can come up with wording for the rules and signage to send on to the City Council for approval in December.

**X. Public Comment - None**

**XI. Committee Member Comments**

DeVries-McIsaac stated that the City Council approved the Parks and Recreation By-laws with a couple of changes, Karl thought their needed to be a clause for removing a troublemaker from the board, like a trouble maker clause, all the other committees have this, if you have someone on the board that just causes problems, we have no way to remove them. Farmer would like to take a look at it, she stated that if someone needs to be removed from the board, the board could vote to remove them. Deputy Clerk will get the specific changes from the City Clerk and bring back to this board.

**XII. Adjournment**

**17-029**

Moved by Farmer, seconded by DeVries-McIsaac to adjourn the meeting:  
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

Chairperson Gaertner adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Kimberly Murphy  
Deputy Clerk

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