

**RECORD OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 9th DAY OCTOBER OF 2018
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gaertner at 6:01 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Lindsay Gaertner, James Jones, Mark Allen, Lanice Rutter

Members Absent: Doug Baum, Trey Townsend, Heidi Farmer

Also in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Deb Mead

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

18-022

Moved by Allen, seconded by Rutter to approve the agenda as amended: Deletion of #F Master plan under Unfinished Business.

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 14, 2018

B. Expenditure Report thru September 2018

18-023

Moved by Allen, seconded by Jones to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

***Doug Baum arrived at 6:03 P.M.**

VI. City Manager Report

City Manager Baum reported on the following:

Canoe Launch bids came in higher than expected, over \$88,000.00. MEDC was sent a formal request to consider funding the extra cost. Verbal confirmation was received on Friday, October 5th, waiting on the Grant Agreement from MEDC.

DNR is installing a Smokey the Bear Fire Danger sign on the property at the Crime Lab.

Baum stated that he had spoken to Kyle Bond, the DPW Foreman about the skating rink boards getting replaced. Bond said that he would work on that after the fall cleanup and additional projects getting finished.

Farmers Market is done in the City Park for the year. Will most likely be back at City Park next season, hopeful for the construction of the Northern Market being underway.

Engineering work is being done on the Trailhead that will be located behind the Fire Department and City Hall.

A complaint was received by a citizen on the small gazebo across from the hospital. The complaint was about the cigarette butts that are all over the area at the gazebo. City Manager Baum stated that this was also brought up to City Council's meeting, and there isn't enough man power to enforce a no smoking policy at the gazebo. Discussion was had on getting a no smoking sign there, or an additional container placed there to help clean up the area. Member Mark Allen said that he would get pricing on receptacles for the gazebo, and bring them in to the next meeting.

***Trey Townsend arrived at 6:13 P.M.**

VII. Committee Reports

Skate Park Committee – Chairperson Gaertner stated that her and Member James Jones would be holding a late-night skate session soon, to close the park out for the season. They will be working with the City on the date for that event.

Discussion was had on the lights not coming on at night at the skate park, City Manager Baum said that he would check the timer for the lights.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. DNR Recreation Grant 2017 Update

The City is working with Rowe Professional Services on the Engineering of the Trailhead/Connector project. The City is also in collaboration with Crawford County Road Commission for the asphalt on North Down. The project is still slated to begin in Spring of 2019.

B. Canoe Launch Update

Covered in the City Manager's report.

C. Master Plan

Tabled until next months meeting. Chairperson Gaertner asked the Board to read through Chapter 3. Member Allen stated that he is working on the Budget for Chapter 2.

D. Adult Fitness Equipment

Member Rutter brought in pictures that she had taken of the Wellness Park behind the hospital in West Branch. She stated that it was safe and easy to use. Member Rutter is working on pricing and will be talking with the hospital for ideas on the equipment.

Member Allen discussed with the Board about looking at the budget before the end of the Fiscal Year to purchase some adult fitness equipment.

E. Committee Members

Parks and Recreation Committee By-laws state that the Board can have only 2 members that reside outside the City Limits, and there are currently 3 that sit on the Board.

Chairperson Gaertner asked the City Manager on what can be done.

Member Rutter suggested she could resign from the Board, but still help with the Adult Fitness Equipment and the Master Plan. She stated that she will hand in her resignation.

Member Allen stated that he would like to stay on the Board after his term ends with the City Council Board. There is room for either a Council Liaison or a City Resident to be on the Board after Member Rutter resigns.

IX. New Business

None

X. Public Comment

None

XI. Committee Member Comments

Member Allen spoke about some grumbling that was happening about the Parks and Recreation Committee and that it was brought up to City Council during their meeting. Member Allen would like to challenge the members of the Committee to help in recruiting additional help, and would like to see the Committee looking at the needs of the Community. Member Allen would like to see the Committee raise their level of commitment.

XII. Adjournment

18-024

Moved by Allen, seconded by Baum that the meeting be adjourned.
Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacancy: 0, motion carried.

Chairperson Gaertner adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Deb Mead
Recording Secretary

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