

**RECORD OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST 2019
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Lindsay Gaertner, James Jones, Natasha Ritter, Heather Ferrigan

Members Absent: Kimberly Hatfield, Trey Townsend, Doug Baum

Also, in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Deb Mead

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Approval of Agenda

19-015

Moved by Jones, seconded by Ritter to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0, **Motion Carried.**

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2019
B. Expenditure Report thru July 2019

19-016

Moved by Jones, seconded by Ritter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0, **Motion carried.**

VI. Public Input Session

A. Parks and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan

No public present.

VII. City Manager Report – Not present

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Skate Park Committee

Chairperson Gaertner stated the Skateboard Competition raised over \$100.00 at the event.

Vice Chair Jones stated that the attendance was down due to rescheduling the event. Gaertner stated that there was too much water on the skate park in June and the competition could not be held.

Discussion took place among the members on ways of advertising or trying to get more people involved with the Skateboard Competition.

Vice Chair Jones stated that there will be a late-night skate session to close the park for the year in September.

Member Ritter asked what could be used at the skate park and if it was open to everyone. Chairperson Gaertner and Vice Chair Jones stated that people can use inline skates, roller skates, skateboards, bikes, etc. at the skate park and that it is open to everyone.

Chairperson Gaertner stated that signs needed to be put up for people to know where the park is located. Recording Secretary Mead stated that one sign had been purchased and that she could purchase more to be installed.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. DNR Recreation Grant 2017 Update (Trailhead/Restroom)

Recording Secretary Mead stated that she had requested an extension on this project, due to cost of the project and possibly moving the fence at the Military Airport. Mead stated that she had just heard back from the DNR and they would look into the extension in the spring of 2020.

B. Canoe Launch Update

Recording Secretary Mead informed the Board that the Canoe Launch is complete and that she is working with MEDC to get the grant closed out.

Consensus of the Board to take this item off of the Agenda.

C. Master Plan

Recording Secretary Mead stated that City Manager Baum would like to add River Trail to the Goals and Objectives in the Master Plan. Mead explained what the River Trail was about to the members.

Members discussed having a work session on the Master Plan to get to through the items on the Master Plan and to update Goals and Objectives.

Members agreed to have a work session on Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Nature Center.

D. Iron Belle Trail

Recording Secretary Mead discussed the process being done with the proposed trail that would come from the Northern Market site to the trail on Old 27/I-75 Business Loop.

Chairperson Gaertner stated that there was a pedestrian crossing in Traverse City by the Bay, for bikers and pedestrians on the trail for their safety when crossing the busy street. Gaertner said to check it out the next time members were in the Traverse City area.

E. City Park Clean Up Day

Discussion took place about a City Park Clean-Up day for next year.

Chairperson Gaertner asked if the City had someone taking care of the flowers Downtown and if they could possibly water the ferns that are hanging in the gazebo across from the hospital. Recording Secretary Mead said that she would ask DPW Director Bond if that could be done.

Members agreed to take this item off of the Agenda.

X. New Business

XI. Public Comment – None

XII. Committee Member Comments - None

XIII. Correspondence

A. Letter from Student

Recording Secretary Mead handed out a letter that was received in June from Hailey Mclean, a Grayling Middle School student, that was addressed to Chairperson Gaertner.

The letter explained the need for a hangout for kids ages 11-16 in the City of Grayling.

Discussion took place and the members would like to see something go in for students to attend after school or even during the summer months.

Further discussion took place on getting thoughts and ideas together and bring to the next meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairperson Gaertner adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Deb Mead
Recording Secretary

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