

**RECORD OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gaertner at 6:04 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Lindsay Gaertner, James Jones, Natasha Ritter, Kyle Bond, Kimberly Hatfield

Members Absent: Trey Townsend, Heather Ferrigan

Also, in Attendance: Recording Secretary; Deb Mead and Erich Podjaske

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Approval of Agenda

19-017

Moved by Bond, seconded by Hatfield to approve the agenda as presented.
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, Vacancies: 0, **Motion Carried.**

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2019
B. Expenditure Report thru August 2019

19-018

Moved by Jones, seconded by Bond to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, Vacancies: 0, **Motion carried.**

VI. City Manager Report – Not present

VII. Committee Reports

A. Skate Park Committee

Vice Chair Jones stated that there was nothing new to report.

Chairperson Gaertner stated that the kids are utilizing the skate park.

DPW Director Bond asked about the late-night skate event and if a date had been chosen. Vice Chair Jones stated that they were working on a date for the event.

VIII. Unfinished Business

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

Recording Secretary Mead stated that there was nothing new to report.

B. Master Plan

Recording Secretary Mead reminded the Board of the Work Session planned for September 23rd at 6:00 PM at the Nature Center.

Mead asked that they all bring their copies of the Master Plan. Mead stated that she would resend out the Capital Improvement Schedule and the Justification sheets to everyone.

C. Iron Belle Trail

DPW Director Bond stated that the Iron Belle Trail from Kirtland to the Northern Market proposed site, along Industrial Drive, is slated for construction in 2020. Bond explained on how the trail was planned to go along that route.

IX. New Business

A. Removal of Member Trey Townsend

Chairperson Gaertner read the By-laws to the Board about removal of a Committee Member due to attendance.

Bond recommended that the City Manager present to City Council the removal of Member Townsend, Gaertner supported.

Consensus of the Board to make the recommendation to City Council for removal of Member Townsend.

B. Student Recreation/After School Need

Discussion took place on the letter that was received and reviewed, from a student at the Middle School, at the last meeting.

Chairperson Gaertner informed the Board of a Facebook post that she had seen about the City needing an ice rink. Gaertner went on further to say that people must not have known there was the ice rink in town. DPW Director Bond explained the issues of having the ice rink and the vandalism that happens to it.

Discussion was had on how to get the information out to the public on the types of activities that are available for the kids. Ideas had come up about a Facebook page for the Parks and Recreation Committee that could inform people on events. Member Ritter suggested that she could set up a demo Facebook page and bring that to the Work Session scheduled for September 23rd.

Member Hatfield brought up another individual that is trying to form a youth group and possibly coordinating with them.

Discussion took place on transportation for the kids and how to get them to the different events.

Further discussion took place on who to partner with at the Middle School and to try and get the student involved that sent the letter.

X. Public Comment – None

XI. Committee Member Comments – None

XII. Correspondence – None

XIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Gaertner adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Deb Mead
Recording Secretary

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