

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Chr. LaBar at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Del Conley, Darrin Darga, Art Getzinger (4:12 pm), Mike Peltz, Ralph Stedman, Debbie Stiller, Rick Wagner, and Michelle LaBar.

Absent – Jackie Langlois.

Also present: DPW Supt. Bill Robin and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Nowak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Comm. Conley, seconded by Comm. Stiller, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 28, 2007.

Ayes – All, motion was carried.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE: None

REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

DPW Supt. Bill Robin reported on the following:

■He thanked Comm. Wagner for the radio he donated for the shack at the Ice Rink. Weather has not cooperated for ice to be made at the Ice Rink.

■Robin received another request for a memorial bench.

■He received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Steinorth requesting that the section of the Huron Sunrise Trail from Linden Street to Shore Drive not be cleared of snow. Robin spoke with Mrs. Steinorth and there is a group of people who snowshoe on the trail during the night time hours. Discussion ensued on how best to accommodate this group. Robin suggested snow blowing off half of the trail so it can be used for people who walk and snowshoe.

■DPW Supt. Robin recommended a thank you be sent to Chuck and Kris Paull for grooming the trail at the Herman Vogler Conservation Area.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

David LaBar gave a brief summary on his Eagle Scout Project, which he completed. He built wood duck houses that were installed at the Herman Vogler Conservation Area. LaBar handed out pictures of the finished project and explained the construction of the houses. He thanked the Commission for their support for the project.

TOP OF MICHIGAN TRAILS PERSON NEEDED

Comm. Stiller reported the Top of Michigan Trails needs someone to be a contact person for the Northeast Michigan area. She further explained what the person would be responsible for, i.e., eyes and ears for this area and give up-to-date information on the Huron Sunrise Trail. Currently Rita Tuttle is the contact person, but will be unable to continue. Per the discussion on whom would be willing to do this, the Commission decided to advertise on Channel 12 for a Top of Michigan Trails contact person.

LITTLE LEAGUE BUILDING

DPW Robin asked if the Commission had a chance to look at the old concession stand at the Little League Field. He further explained what would happen with the refuse of the building if it is demolished and what will be done with what is currently being stored in it.

P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-12

A motion was made by Comm. Peltz, seconded by Comm. Conley, to recommend to City Council that the building at the Little League Field be demolished.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

FISCAL PLANNING

Short Term Goals

Swimming Instructor	4000.00
Kiva	500.00
Doggie do dispensers	300.00
Angle brackets for barrels	250.00
South Shore Park	400.00
Interpretive Signage	250.00

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Parks & Recreation Gift Program brochures (two mailings a year)	500.00
Picnic Tables for South Shore Park	360.00
Fossil Park (including a sign)	300.00
Westminster Park beautification	200.00

Long Term Goals

Open Pavilion
Expanding the Huron Sunrise Trail to Harbor View

P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-13

A motion was made by Comm. Conley, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to recommend the short term goals for the FY 2008/2009 budget and the long term goals to the City Council for future planning.
Ayes – All, the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Recreational Programming - Chr. LaBar will speak with Kathy Kartsen of the MSU Extension and invite her to the next Park & Recreation Commission meeting to get ideas on which recreational programs the City can work in conjunction with MSU Extension.

Park & Recreation Gift Program Brochures – Chr. LaBar asked if the brochure should be available at the Posen and Onaway funeral homes. The consensus was to have the brochures only available at the Rogers City funeral homes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michelle LaBar
Chairperson

Janet M. Nowak
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer