

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Chr. LaBar at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present – Del Conley, Darrin Darga, Art Getzinger, Jackie Langlois, Mike Peltz, Ralph Stedman (4:01 pm), Debbie Stiller, Rick Wagner, and Michelle LaBar.

Also present: City Mgr. Slown, DPW Supt. Bill Robin, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Janet Nowak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Comm. Stiller, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 15, 2007.

Ayes – All, motion was carried.

Chr. LaBar introduced Angie Asam, the new reporter for the *Presque Isle Advance*.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE: None

REPORTS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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REPORTS FROM CITY STAFF

DPW Supt. Robin reported the DPW is in the process of closing the Pavilion and winterizing the sprinkling systems. Robin was approached by a member of the Kiwanis Club about the Kiwanis purchasing a white plastic cover to be placed over the Inline Hockey Facility asphalt for better ice retention. City Mgr. Slown further explained the purpose of the cover. Discussion ensued on the purpose of the inline hockey facility, the need for a cover, boards and fencing. Comm. Conley and City Mgr. Slown will speak with the Kiwanis Club about the cover.

City Mgr. Slown reported on the following:

■The City was awarded a grant from MSHDA.

■Framing for the mosaic project was installed with the help of Tom Stone.

■Presque Isle Sno-Trails submitted the final plan to the DNR for the North connector. Slown will send a letter to the DNR supporting the final plan. There has been some movement on the south end of the trail between Oglebay Norton and the DNR.

P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-07:

A motion was made by Comm. Conley, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, that the City Manager write a letter to the DNR in support of the Presque Isle Sno-Trials final plan for the North connector.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

SOUTH SHORE PARK PROJECT - UPDATE

Comm. Peltz reported on the South Shore Park Project. The grass is up and the playground equipment is installed. Discussion ensued on the length of the swings and the construction of the playground equipment. DPW Supt. Robin stated the playscape that was donated by Dennis Meredith, an Optimist Club member, was brought into the City garage and the DPW is in the process of refurbishing it. Robin also stated, that a total of three benches were purchased, two with funds donated through the Gift Program. In the Spring of 2008, picnic tables and one of the benches that was purchased through the Gift Program will be placed in the area. Dedication of the South Shore Park Project will take place in conjunction with the Little League parade in the Spring of 2008.

TRAIL EXTENSION

City Mgr. Slown explained a proposal to create a trail system that would loop around the City boundaries, which will possibly require easements. He further explained that the trail system could be linked with the townships. There was some discussion on who would take on the project of creating a trail system around the City boundaries and linking the trail system with the townships. It was decided to invite John Houk of the Sno-Trails to a Park & Recreation meeting to get his ideas on a trail extension.

SEAGULL POINT PARK

The City Council requested the Park & Recreation Commission discuss the Seagull Point Park. There is a large concrete break-wall around the well house that is unappealing and a safety hazard. Discussion ensued on the need for a safer means to access the beach. City Mgr. Slown checked with the DNR and they have a recorded high water mark level of 580.5 feet and anything below that level would require permission from them to make improvements to the area. Water Supt. Kieliszewski and DPW Supt. Robin used a GPS on the area and it is below the high water mark. A plan will have to be formulated to present to the DNR. Robin further explained what could be done to make a temporary safe path to the beach and also make the area presentable until a long term solution could be decided. Council Member Nowak suggested coming up with a plan and get the necessary permits to do this in the Spring of 2008.

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P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-08:

A motion was made by Comm. Peltz, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to recommend to City Council to pursue a beautification project for the Seagull Point Park beach area.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

City Mgr. Slown will contact the DNR and DEQ on what could be done at Seagull Point Park and what permits are required.

OTHER BUSINESS:

■ The next Park & Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for November 21st, which is the day before Thanksgiving. It was decided to change the meeting to November 28th.

P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-09:

A motion was made by Comm. Darga, seconded by Comm. Stiller, to change the November Park & Recreation meeting to Wednesday, November 28th at 4 pm.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

■ Comm. Stedman gave a report on the Presque Isle County Area Soil Conservation tree sale.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Michelle LaBar
Chairperson

Janet M. Nowak
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer