

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2007**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Art Getzinger, Jackie Langlois, Mike Peltz (4:06 pm), Ralph Stedman, Debbie Stiller, Rick Wagner, and Michelle LaBar.

Absent – Del Conley and Darrin Darga.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Comm. Wagner, seconded by Comm. Getzinger, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 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. Robin reported that he has ordered the playground equipment for the South Shore Park, costing a total of \$4400.00. Funds to pay for the equipment are coming from the Optimist Club and grant money. There were nine pieces of playground equipment ordered and they will be installed in the fall of 2007. O-N Minerals is donating stone for a plaque. Comm. Peltz inquired if the plaque could read “Rogers City Optimist Park” and be mounted on the stone near the new playground at South Shore Park. Dennis Meredith, an Optimist Club member, donated a wooden playscape from his yard. The DPW will refurbish it and install it at the South Shore Park. The basketball poles that were donated by Dave Nagel have been installed at the Sports Park.

DPW Supt. Bill Robin stated Jack Smitka purchased a flag pole that he wants to donate to the City to be installed at the pocket park at the end of Riverview. Smitka gave a brief overview of the improvements that he has done to the pocket park. Robin further explained that the pocket park off of Riverview is not maintained any differently than other pocket parks in the City. Smitka has spoken with City Mgr. Slown and Robin about putting a plaque on the pole in memory of our servicemen with no specific names on it; Smitka will donate the funds to install the plaque at the base of the flag pole. Lighting was also discussed. Slown stated it will cost approximately \$100 to install the flag pole. Smitka stated that he will donate the funds to install the flag pole.

**P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-05:**

A motion was made by Comm. Peltz, seconded by Comm. Stiller, to recommend to City Council that the offer from Jack Smitka to install a flag pole including a plaque in the pocket park at the end of Riverview Street with the cost of the installation of the flag pole, plaque, pole and flag all being donated by Smitka be accepted. Said plaque to honor all servicemen with no specific names engraved.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

City Mgr. Slown reported at a past Parts & Recreation Commission meeting that he was going to write a letter to the DNR about the snowmobile route. Once the Snowmobile Club has finalized their plans the letter will be sent.

**TORCH BASE MOSAIC PROJECT – MARY PRITCHARD**

Mary Pritchard gave a brief presentation on the Torch Base Mosaic Project. She handed out pictures of mosaic projects that she was involved in along with Ann Belanger and Presque Isle County youth. Pritchard explained that she proposes covering the base of the torch in mosaic (glass tessera), working with high school students from Presque Isle County in developing the design and construction, and working through the fall, winter, and early spring of 2008 to put the mosaic together. During the installation of the mosaic, there will be a need for a temporary shelter constructed around the base of the torch for privacy and security. Pritchard explained the different grant and private sector opportunities that are available. Discussion ensued on possible themes.

**CITY OF ROGERS CITY GIFT PROGRAM**

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nowak was asked by City Mgr. Slown to give a brief history of the Rogers City Gift Program. There was some discussion in the past to have more gift program flyers printed and included with the City utility mailing. 2000 gift program flyers were printed by Dockside Printing costing \$199.55; there are 350 left. Comm. Stiller explained that the \$199.55 was for the cost of copies.

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All of the redesign work, set-up and artistic graphic work were donated by Stiller and her husband. The consensus of the Commission is not to make any changes to the existing brochure. Discussion ensued on having the brochures available at funeral homes. Having a specific list of items with prices available to choose from was discussed. DPW Supt. Robin explained it is difficult to have set prices for larger items, i.e., benches and trees, as prices of these items change frequently. Further discussion ensued on if there should be another mailing of the gift program flyers. Also discussed was having envelopes instead of flyers available for funeral homes.

**P & REC RESOLUTION 2007-06:**

A motion was made by Comm. Getzinger, seconded by Comm. Wagner, to recommend to City Council that the City fund another printing of the City Gift Program Flyers to provide enough for the November utility billing and to be made available at funeral homes and at City Hall.

Ayes – All, the motion carried.

**TRAIL MARKING AND TRAIL EXTENSION**

City Mgr. Slown reported on trail marking and the trail extension. He explained the idea is to link the City trail system with other communities and to create a looping trail system within the City. This is a long term project that will need to have a good strategic plan. Slown further explained his ideas on how to link communities together with a trail system. Marking the current Huron Sunrise Trail was also discussed. The consensus of the Commission is to add to the existing marking system of painting the miles on the trail. Slown suggested that the trail extension and trail marking be placed on the next meeting agenda to continue the discussion.

**FOSSIL PARK**

Dana LaBar addressed the Commission and proposed his idea for creating a fossil park. He stated this would be something different to bring people into Rogers City. LaBar further explained that limestone is wonderful for fossil. He suggested asking O-N Minerals to dump a load of rock from the quarry in an unused park on an annual basis. Discussion ensued on LaBar's suggestion.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

■ Chr. LaBar welcomed Jackie Langlois, recently appointed by City Council, to her first meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The following items were discussed:

- Need for a picture of an existing Kiva.
- Westminster Park gazebo light.
- Markers for the Linden Street accesses.
- Beautification grant.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Michelle LaBar  
Chairperson

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Janet M. Nowak  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer