



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, February 8, 2010

1. Call to Order - 7:30 P.M. - Petoskey City Hall Community Room
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of Monday, December 14, 2009 Meeting.
3. New Business -
  - a. Reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission
  - b. Election of Officers
  - c. Consider Park site for display of Civil War cannon
  - d. Winter Carnival Update
4. Miscellaneous
5. Adjournment



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Monday, December 14, 2009

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the Petoskey City Hall Community Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, December 14, 2009. Roll was called at 7:31 P.M. and the following members were present:

Present: Richard Harbaugh, Chairperson  
Chuck Cigrand  
Bill Hansen, Jr.  
John E. Hoffman  
Roy Pulaski

Late Arrival: Carol Jankowski

Absent: Pete Wooters

City Staff Present: Allen L. Hansen, Director Parks and Recreation

Others: Students of the Petoskey High School Civics Class  
and students from North Central Michigan College

Minutes of the Monday, October 12, 2009, meeting of the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission were read and approved. Motion for approval was made by Bill Hansen, seconded by Roy Pulaski, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Cigrand, Hansen, Harbaugh, Hoffman, Pulaski (5)

NAYS: None (0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

Update Bear River Valley and  
Bay Front Park Marina Projects

Commission members were advised that on Monday, December 7, 2009, City Council adopted a resolution that amended a contract leased with the City's Building Authority Board of Commissioners, that authorized the Authority Board to proceed with the issuance of \$3.9 million in bonds in the awarding of construction bids for improvements within the Bear River Valley Recreation Area and the expansion of the Bayfront Park Marina. The breakdown of the allocations of the bond proceeds are as follows:

Bear River Valley Recreation Area improvements will cost \$2.9 million. The bond payments will be financed by the Tax Increment Finance Authority that was established to aid in the finance of capital projects within its boundaries, which includes the Bear River Valley. Bids for this project are anticipated to be due on February 23, 2010.

Petoskey Marina Improvements Project will be a \$2.1 million project. This project has several funding sources that include \$1 million in bond proceeds, with bond

payments being financed by the Marina Operating Fund, a grant of \$848,700 from the State of Michigan's Waterways Grant Program with the balance of the project being paid for out of Marina cash reserves.

Both projects will be bid in January, 2010, if bond sales proceed as anticipated. Work is planned to begin in early Spring, 2010.

Skyline Trail Acquisition

Commission members were advised that City Staff had completed and submitted a complete appraisal, title search/title insurance document and a property survey on the proposed 65 acre acquisition to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, MDNR Trust Fund Staff. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Staff is now reviewing this documentation. If this documentation meets their approval, Trust Fund Staff will authorize City Staff to make a formal offer to purchase to the Little Traverse Conservancy. If the offer is approved by the Conservancy, the City will proceed to closing on the acquisition and will also request grant reimbursement on the project. It is believed that the offer to purchase will be made in early January, 2010.

Winter Program Update

Commission members were informed that the Petoskey Winter Sports Park opened for sledding and skiing on December 4, 2009, and is currently open from 4:00 P.M. to dusk, Monday through Friday and 12:00 P.M. to dusk on Saturday and Sunday. Crews are currently preparing both the main ice rink and hockey rink in anticipation of colder temperatures, which will allow for construction of ice on the rinks. It is hoped that the rinks will be available for use over the Christmas holiday.

Men's and youth boy's and girl's basketball programs are now underway. Registration for ice skating, snowboarding and downhill skiing lessons will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Petoskey City Hall.

Trial Award

The Director advised Commission members that on December 10, 2009, City Staff attended an awards ceremony at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center, where the City received the 2009 Award of Excellence from the Asphalt Paving Association of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Resort Bluff Non-motorized Path project.

At this time comments were received from several commission members. Carol Jankowski advised that the Resort Bluff West Park will be kept open for the winter. The restrooms and trail system will be kept open for use by the public. Chuck Cigrand asked if the reservation fees that were reviewed at the October 12, 2009 meeting had been adopted by City Council, the Director advised that the rate increases and proposed reservation fees were included in the 2010 Budget requests and if the Budget is passed, those fees will go into effect January 1, 2010. Roy Pulaski stated that he had read an article in the newspaper regarding the Festival Place mediation and that the Public Health Department had issued an advisory regarding potential mercury in the water there. The Director advised that indeed, the Public Health Department had issued an advisory on the mercury, which could be coming from remnants of coal tar, however their

comments were prefaced by the fact that full body contact would be allowed in that area and that there was no endangerment for swimmers or waders. There was also a fish advisory regarding limiting the consumption of fish caught in Lake Michigan, near the beach area. This advisory mirrors advisories already in place by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, regarding limiting consumption of fish from Great Lakes waters, which have been in place for many years.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Roy Pulaski, seconded by Bill Hansen, Jr., with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Cigrand, Hansen, Harbaugh, Hoffman, Pulaski, Jankowski (6)

NAYS: None (0)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission will be held on Monday, January 11, 2010, at 7:30 P.M., at the Petoskey City Hall Parkside Room.

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Allen L. Hansen  
Director of Parks and Recreation



**BOARD:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**MEETING DATE:** February 8, 2010      **DATE PREPARED:** February 1, 2010

**AGENDA SUBJECT:** Reappointment of Richard Harbaugh and Roy Pulaski to Parks and Recreation Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Notification of Appointment

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At its February 1, 2010 meeting, City Council concurred with Mayor Pall's recommendation to reappoint Richard Harbaugh, 815 State Street and Roy Pulaski, 449 Pearl Street, to the Parks and Recreation Commission, both for two year terms that would expire in 2012.

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**BOARD:** Parks and Recreation Commission

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**AGENDA SUBJECT:** Election of Officers

**RECOMMENDATION:** Nominate and Elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

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Background. Commission members will be asked to nominate and elect a Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission, who will be responsible for conducting Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. Commission members will also be asked to nominate and elect a Vice-Chairperson, who will be responsible for conducting Parks and Recreation Commission meetings in the absence of the Chairperson.

Procedurally, because this is a City Commission, representatives for Bear Creek Township and Resort Township are not eligible for the position of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

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**BOARD:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**MEETING DATE:** February 8, 2010     **DATE PREPARED:** February 1, 2010

**AGENDA SUBJECT:** Consider Park Site to display Civil War Cannon

**RECOMMENDATION:** Hear Staff report and recommend park site location for Civil War cannon

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In late 2009, the City recovered a Civil War cannon that had been missing since the early 1990's. This cannon, a brass Napoleon Cannon, Number 271, was manufactured by Henry N. Hooper Co., Boston, Massachusetts, for the Grand Army of the Republic.

City staff is currently gathering pricing to have a base reconstructed for the cannon so that it can be displayed at a park location within the City. City staff believes that the most appropriate place to display the Civil War era cannon would be at Arlington Park, near the existing Civil War Confederate cannon and the stone marker commemorating the local branch of the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic. Arlington Park is also the site where Civil War Encampments were held by Civil War Veterans for a number of years. The site is also highly visible to the public.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is therefore asked to consider a resolution recommending to City Council that the Hooper Napoleon Cannon, once restored, be displayed at Arlington Park.

Sample Resolution: The Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends to City Council, that the Hooper Napoleon Civil War cannon, after restoration, be displayed at Arlington Park near the existing Civil War Confederate cannon and Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic commemorative marker.

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**AGENDA SUBJECT:** 2010 Winter Carnival Update

**RECOMMENDATION:** Hear Report

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The 2010 Petoskey Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at the Petoskey Winter Sports Park. This long running event was first held in 1928.

This year's event is sponsored by 19 area businesses and service clubs. Multiple events are planned and are outlined on the attached carnival flyer. Events begin at 10:30 A.M. and will conclude with the Cardboard Challenge sled race at 7:15 P.M.

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**CITY OF PETOSKEY'S ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL**  
(First Winter Carnival was held in 1928)

**2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Location: Petoskey Winter Sports Park



**Saturday, February 13th**



10:30 A.M. **BUMPJUMPING REGISTRATION**



NOON **BUMPJUMPING COMPETITION**

Come see an event **UNIQUE** to **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN!** Sponsored by the **LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY KIWANIS CLUB**



NOON **CRUSADERS' COOK-OUT**

Sponsored by **NM CANCER CRUSADERS**  
Chili-pot - Hot Dogs - Handcrafted Gift Items



NOON **Ice Rink Open for PUBLIC SKATING**

Skate Rental Available



1:00 P.M. **SPEEDSKATING DEMO AND Instruction** by the **PETOSKEY SPEEDSKATING CLUB**



3:00 P.M. **YOUTH SLEDDING COMPETITION**

Ages 12 & Under

4:00 P.M. **MINI-MITE HOCKEY**

PETOSKEY vs. GRAND RAPIDS



6:00 P.M. **FIGURE SKATING EXHIBITION**

**LITTLE TRAVERSE FIGURE SKATING CLUB**  
Choreographed by ANNE MURRAY



6:00 P.M. **CARDBOARD CHALLENGE REGISTRATION**

Contestants, please register at lodge.



7:15 P.M. **CARDBOARD CHALLENGE XIV BEGINS**

Contestants race their unique cardboard sleds.  
Sleds will be judged on speed and creative design.



**INDIVIDUALS, TEAMS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALL ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE, BUILD YOUR SLED FROM CARDBOARD/DUCT TAPE/PAINT**

We, the Petoskey Department of Parks and Recreation, would like to thank and express our wholehearted appreciation to all of the Winter Carnival Sponsors.



Petoskey Cinema

