

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

March 9, 2009

A meeting of the City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the Petoskey City Hall, Parkside Room, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, March 9, 2009. Roll was called at 7:30 P.M. and the following members were:

Present: Richard Harbaugh, Chairperson  
Chuck Cigrand  
William Hansen, Jr.  
John E. Hoffman  
Carol Jankowski  
Roy Pulaski  
Pete Wooters

Absent: None

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

Minutes of the Monday, October 13, 2008, meeting of the Petoskey Parks and Recreation Commission were read and approved. Motion for approval made by William Hansen, Jr., seconded by Roy Pulaski, with all members present voting aye.

YEAS: Harbaugh, Cigrand, Hansen, Hoffman, Jankowski, Pulaski, Wooters. (7)

NAYS: None (0)

Prior to New Business Chairman Richard Harbaugh introduced Chuck Cigrand, and Pete Wooters as the two (2) new members recently appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Recreational Program Updates For Spring Sports

Commission members were furnished a list of the spring programs being offered by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Director also advised that the sign up for these programs would be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M., at the Petoskey City Hall. At this time Bill Hansen advised that tryouts for Little League Baseball would be held on March 14, 2009 at the High School starting at 8:00 A.M. At this time Commissioner Hansen gave a brief overview of the restructuring of the Little League Baseball Program for 2009.

Bear River Valley  
Recreation Area Status Update

The Director of Parks and Recreation advised Commissioners that the Master Plan for the Bear River Valley Recreation Area Project had been reviewed by the Tax Increment Finance Authority, the Planning Commission and the Petoskey City Council. The Tax Increment Finance Authority Board recommended to the City Council that the proposed project move forward, and that the project be funded through the Tax Increment Finance Authority. At this time the Director reviewed drawings of the proposed Bear River Valley Improvements with Commission Members.

Private Land Offer  
for Cross Country Trail Use

At this time the Director informed Commission members that Doug and Pam Boor, Click Road, Petoskey, had expressed an interest to provide a license agreement to allow limited use of their property for a cross country ski loop during the winter season. Their property is located adjacent to the 65 acre parcel purchased last summer for the North Country Trail re-reroute in Bear Creek Township, near Krause Road, by the Little Traverse Conservancy. The Director asked permission from the Commission members to further explore this license agreement option.

Bill Hansen, Jr., moved that the Director further explore a license agreement with the Boor's for the development of a winter cross country ski loop on their property. Motion was seconded by Pete Wooters. With all members present voting Aye:

YEAS: Harbaugh, Cigrand, Hansen, Hoffman, Jankowski, Pulaski, Wooters. (7)

NAYS: None (0)

Marina Expansion  
Project

The Director advised that on December 29, 2008, that the City Council authorized City staff to enter into a Waterways Grant Agreement by and between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Petoskey for the expansion of the Petoskey Marina. At this time the Director shared with Commission members the preliminary engineering drawings for the Marina and informed them that the firm of Beckett and Raeder Inc., Ann Arbor, Michigan, will engineer and provide drawings and specifications for the Marina project. Local architect Richard Newman of Petoskey, Michigan, will prepare architectural drawings and specifications for the expansion of the Marina Services Building. Richard Newman will be working as a sub-contractor for Beckett and Raeder, Inc.

At this time Commissioner Pulaski asked if any portion of the new Marina Services Building restrooms would be available to the general public? The Director advised that currently the building is being designed for boaters only, which has been the practice in the past, the Director advised that he feels that the restrooms that are available at the City Hall, Fire Station, and Resource Center are adequate to serve the general public, however, if the need were to arise the family restroom may be opened to the general public.

Skyline Trail  
Acquisition

At this time the Director informed Commission members, that in a letter dated December 11, 2008, the City was notified that the Michigan Natural Trust Fund Grant for the acquisition of the 65 acre Boor Property located in Bear Creek Township was recommended to be funded in the amount of \$99,000. The grant breakdown is as follows:

Land Acquisition Cost	\$283,000
MNRTF	\$ 99,000
City Match	\$ 70,000
Little Traverse Conservancy/ North Country Trail Association match	\$114,000

At this time the City is proceeding to prepare appraisal, and other required grant documents, which will allow the City to purchase the land from the Little Traverse Conservancy. Once the Grant is completed the City will pay to Little Traverse Conservancy \$169,000, that is \$99,000 Grant funds, and the \$70,000 local City match. Upon payment the property will be transferred to City ownership.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Commissioner Jankowski advised that the Resort Township East Park would be open this spring, and there will be an official celebration for the park opening sometime in June, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Recreation Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. Motion for adjournment was made by Roy Pulaski, and seconded by John Hoffman, with all members present voting Aye:

YEAS: Harbaugh, Cigrand, Hansen, Hoffman, Jankowski, Pulaski, Wooters. (7)  
NAYS: None (0)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission will be at 7:30 P.M., April 13, 2009, at the City Hall Parkside Room.

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Allen L. Hansen  
Director of Parks and Recreation