

**CITY OF CHEBOYGAN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING**

**Meeting moved to 6pm Thursday, February 18, 2021**

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Call to Order

Commissioner Roll Call: Tony Eustice, Dale Rieger, Kate Schulz

Staff in Attendance: Tom Eustice, Scott Hancock

Approval of Agenda

Old Business

1. Survey of Major City Park: At trail subcommittee meeting 2/11/2021 Tom reported that there is a rendition and topographical survey/overlay of the entire park. When the snow goes away the area will be marked. This will be helpful for multiple projects including upgrades to the ball fields, children's trail, camping, and a dog park. Tom would like to use this information to reapply for a passport grant. Kate summarized the last passport grant application which included ball field upgrades and (2) vault bathrooms and other items that the commission would like to see go in the park (e.g. dog park, camping, paving the children's trail, updating or completely renovating the ballfields. Tom added PA 51 money can be used to match a recreation passport grant (max grant= \$150k, totalling \$165k with the \$15k match from the city). Kate asked if the commission wants to completely renovate the ballfields with new footprint or just update the existing structures and fields. Tony, Plan, campground w/ some infrastructure i.e. plumbing and bathrooms, children's trail, dog park.
  - a. Tom reported that the AARP grant is now open again, this funding could be used for planning and capacity building.
2. DNR Land Trust Fishing Piers Project
3. Trail Committee Report: Water Trails Application
4. Recreation Authority (will need revised timeline, materials shared December 2019 with goal of education for representatives from each municipality in December 2020)

New Business

1. Committees - consideration of committees based on recreation 5 year plan goals. Kate asked commissioners do you through subcommittees? Dale stated he doesn't know if Zoom is the barrier, but we have a difficult time getting a quorum at these meetings. Kate stated that the trails committee meetings are great, but we have started to talk about programs and events. Please think about which goal commissioners would like to

dedicate their time to. Dale and Tony are thinking about which programs they would want to work on. Tony said he would like to work on goal #2, coordinating programs and services for recreation including arts, library/education, and athletics.

2. Community Assets - Park and Trail Project Planning; Kate added that the trail subcommittee has come up with a list of projects.

Staff Report: Rec Center is back open. Not normal due to Covid stuff. Boys night and men's night have both been well attended. Crowds are not quite as big, but its getting back to normal. Visitors have to wear masks. Pickleball is going with more court times available. The special needs group has not been using the gym due to stricter protocols. Snowshoes are unbelievable, they are all being used, two weekends ago they were almost all gone, this past weekend only one pair was left. Tony stated that there is grant funding to purchase more snowshoes and asked where Connie got the grant from to purchase; Dale responded the grant was from Straits Area Community Foundation. Tony asked about marketing, how do people know that snowshoes are available. Connie has information on Facebook, people have to call Scott on the day of before 3:30pm. Snowblower is down, mechanic is injured. The new roof that was just finished has three leaks; the contractor is coming out to look at flashing and fix it. Tony asked what is the rec center schedule? Boy's night Monday & Wednesday 5:30-8pm grade 2-8 adults 8-10:30; same hours Tuesday and Thursday for girls/women. Friday night volleyball has not started back up yet. Spike league volleyball is starting this Sunday and will be smaller than normal, some teams didn't want to play. Kate asked if the rec center can be used for youth programs; Scott said not because there has to be a staff person present in the building and the staff only works until 4:30pm, and this time of year they are often out shoveling. Kate talked about there not being any youth sports for boys, but girls are going.

Commissioner Comments: Dale reported that there are exciting additions to the Children's Trail thanks to grants that Connie and Tom were able to achieve. \$886 Straits Area Community Foundation, additional money \$446.00 from Straits Area Youth Advisory Council Foundation. Up to \$1000.00 from Cheboygan County Community Foundation to implement a butterfly garden and bench to replace the area at the south end of the trail to replace the wild parsnip. Connie had another grant from Straits Area Youth Advisory Council Foundation to fund the Coast Guard Painting and a couple kiosks in keeping with the current style used at the city in keeping with the current city used in the city. Kate asked if Connie is asking for a vote or a motion, which is not possible at this meeting due to there is not a quorum. Those present at this meeting had no opposition to these projects. The commission thanks Connie and looks forward to these projects. Kate added that there was a lot of confusion today on if we would have a meeting and stated

Public Comment: No public were present, the meeting information was provided to City Hall to be posted.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve was made on the regular commission meeting on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and support from Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ with ( ) Commissioners in favor and ( ) Commissioners opposed.

\*These minutes were approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission on 2/16/2022. Some board members that attended the 2/18/2021 meeting are no longer serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission\*