

Cheboygan Parks and Recreation Commission
403 N. Huron St. Council Chambers
Wednesday April 27, 2022

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Dale Rieger, Tony Eustice, Darrin Deeter, Dick Cartmill, Dave Martin, John Gravlin, Bill Thompson. Also Present Council Liasson Mary Darling

Old Business:

1. Approval of Agenda: Eustice moved to approve, Seconded by Martin. Motion carried.
2. Committee Reports: None

New Business:

- 1) Darrin Deeter was welcomed to the Commission by Dale Rieger. Darrin introduced himself by telling of his life growing up in Cheboygan as an active participant in Cheboygan sports and recreation and, after his professional career led him to Southern Michigan and Illinois, he has happily returned to live in Cheboygan and is excited to participate in the community as a member of the Recreation Commission.
- 2) Review of goals from February 16 Goal-setting Session. Dale Rieger suggested that more concrete outcomes must result from the wish list created at the 2/16 meeting. Input from the many user groups identified at the 2/16 meeting could be used in creating more concrete actions plans. Martin suggested that a large gathering of the 30 user groups was impractical. Eustice presented a user group list of 14 from the original 30 and presented it to the commission.
- 3) Creation of an Action Plan for Goals. Rieger asked for a motion that Individual Commissioners would make contact with the 15 user groups to solicit input for Recreation Commission Goal Setting. Seconded by Cartmill. Motion carried. Each Commissioner selected user groups that they would contact with May 11, 2022 as the date selected for reporting user group input
- 4) A 4-point message was suggested by Rieger and agreed to as follows:
 - a) We are looking for input for goal setting
 - b) We do not control the budget
 - c) We will share our findings with City Council
 - d) We welcome all to attend our meetings
- 5) Proposed Parks and Recreation Commissioner Description presented by Rieger. Rieger noted an apology was in order in that his previous comments suggested new commissioners hadn't received sufficient background information upon joining. He stated that they were actually given a wealth of information but that he though a brief job description would be helpful to both new members and those applying for future openings. Martin motioned to approve the adoption of the description for use by Cheboygan Recreation Commission, seconded by Cartmill. Motion carried.

- 6) Recognition of Citizen Achievement was presented by Rieger. Council Woman Darling commented that City Council presented a certificate of achievement to State Champion Bowler, Cole Swanberg. Deter suggested that when the achievement is in Sport or Recreation that the Parks and Recreation can be notified by the Council so that a Recreation Commissioners can be in attendance and inform the City Council of Citizen achievement in these areas. (Dale Rieger noted that Commissioner John Gravlin recently won 3 medals at the World Masters Cross-country Ski championships in Canmore, Alberta including a gold medal.)

Commissioner Comments:

Cartmill presented a Leisure and Recreation brochure, that he helped produce for the Waterford Recreation Commission, that included all of the scheduled activities and classes presented by Parks and Rec., Community Ed., the School District, and The Library. He reported that citizens and visitors found it very helpful to be “in the know” for what was going on in Waterford. The brochure was updated 3 times per year. It would be especially beneficial to Coast Guard families and Tourists in the Cheboygan area.

Deter asked “What services does Parks and Recreation provide to the community?” The Commission needs to be aware of park use and maintenance and what outside groups such as little league and youth soccer contribute.

Cartmill stated that groups such as soccer, little league, Junior Chiefs are an invaluable asset to Parks and Recreation.

Eustice suggested that the Tier II user groups from the list of potential contact groups should still be contacted once the May 11 reports are completed.

Martin asked about updates on the Pocket Park and Rieger reported that a Joe Kurtz, owner of the property immediately north of the riverfront property recently donated to the City by Tom Chastain and family, has built a privacy fence that can be used for a public mural. Asked about plans for the donated property. Rieger noted that no definite plans could be made without approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission but that a prospective landscaping rendering had been donated and artists had submitted ideas for the mural. Asked further about the site, Rieger said there might be room for 2 parking spaces at the location.

Thompson reported that the Duncan Avenue boardwalk park parking lot is being updated.

Citizen Comments:

Rob Borowicz of Junior Chiefs commented that there are more than 300 kids in their programs and they are interested in a great relationship with Parks and Recreation Commission. They represent junior football, little league, cheer, wrestling, and junior basketball.

Marriane Riddings wanted to give a Thank to the Commissioners for their service.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously approved at 7:16pm