

City Of Cheboygan – Recreation Commission

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in Cheboygan City Council Chambers at 6pm

Call to order 6:01

Roll call: Present: Eustice, Cartmill, Deeter, Gravelin, Rieger, Thompson, Martin, City Council
Representative Darling absent

Approval of agenda: motion by Gravelin/Martin: 7-0

Old Business

Approval of previous minutes: motion by Cartmill/Deeter

New business

1. Review/Discussion of suggestions/goals from community solicitations
2. Selection of Goals

Chairman Rieger suggested that before the process of selection began Commissioners should consider three standards: attainability (making sure reaching the goal is reasonably possible), personal investment (motivation to actively work toward the goal), and limiting the selections to a practical number.

Commissioner Gravelin shared the research he had conducted on the organization, powers, and funding of neighboring communities as it relates to Parks and recreation.

The commissioners then brainstormed potential goals:

Seek a Recreation Authority within the Cheboygan Area School district.

The Renovation of Felix Merchant city park

Frisbee golf course

Dog park

Acquiring an intern

Development of Majestic Riverview Park

Better publication of information about facilities and activities

Four goals were selected, all on a 7-0 vote:

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Chairman Rieger urged commissioners to come to the July meeting prepared to select which goals they would actively play a part in bringing to fruition.

Commissioner comments:

Gravlin: expressed his support for the possible creation of a dog park, a frisbee golf course, and a cross country ski trail - noting that younger people are more interested in these activities and less so in some traditional team sports.

Thompson: expressed his hope that improvements could be made to the physical facilities at the Recreation Center

Martin noted that he will be in discussion with others about possible funding sources for renovation of Felix Merchant Memorial park.

Deeter echoed support for frisbee golf and cross country skiing facilities.

Rieger noted that the June 11th event on the Children's Trail had over 200 participants and thanked Thompson and Gravlin for their help with the event. He shared a letter of appreciation he would send to Ron Cronk for his creation of the bee sculpture now installed on the trail.

Public Comments:

Connie Rieger gave an overview of the history behind the proposed Majestic Riverview Park and noted steps she hoped to take to secure funding for the park. She shared an artistic rendering, unanimously approved by the Art Vision Cheboygan, for the mural to be painted at the northern boundary of the property and asked for the Commission's approval so the rendering could go for approval before the City Council at the next meeting. (Commissioner Martin, with a second by Deeter, moved that the rendering be approved and the motion was supported 7-0).

Motion to adjourn: Martin, second by Deeter Approved 7-0. Adjourned 7:04