

Cheboygan Parks and Recreation Commission
403 N. Huron Street, Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Call to order - 5:04

Roll Call - Present: Deeter, Darling, Martin, Cartmill, Rieger
Absent: Eustice, Gravlin, Thompson

Approval of agenda: Martin/Cartmill : 4-0

Old Business:

- Approval of previous minutes: Deeter/Martin : 4-0

New Business:

- Committee Reports:

Majestic Pocket Park - Rieger noted that the alupanel needed for the mural have been base-coated and have been moved to the art room at the public library for the artistic rendering.

Improved Communication - Deeter has contacted representatives of the major recreational information organizations and is working to organize a joint meeting to discuss how to best jointly make information readily available.

Recreation Authority - Gravlin interviewed Phil Jankoviak, the P&R director from Petoskey. They don't control a budget but have, including those funded by grants, 30 summertime employees. They are looking to maintain, not add, Parks and programs.

Felix Merchant Park - Martin said the goal is at a stand-still because no vision for the renovation has been created and no funds raised. He noted he will shift his energies to a different goal.

- Discussion of Proposed Dog Park:

Rieger reviewed the steps that had taken the idea to it's current proposed status. He reviewed the proposed location (east of the DNR property near the Cheboygan dam, on county property that includes the horseshoe pits along Lincoln Street) and sizes (50' x 150' and 100' x 150'). Gravlin noted that Phil Jankoviak (Pestoskey director) sees dog parks as a mixed bag: popular with those who use them but requiring monitoring and upkeep. An audience member expressed belief that the chain link fence at the armory (where some people currently let their dogs run) might become available.

(Gravlin and Thompson joined the meeting at 5:50pm)

Public comment: None

Commissioner comments:

Thompson: none

Gravlin: noted that Nordic Rocks sessions would begin the following week for the third graders and would include five sessions.

Cartmill: none
Rieger: none
Darling: none
Deeter: none

Adjournment - Martin/Deeter: 6-0 at at 6:04pm