

**Cheboygan Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 5:00pm**  
**City Council Chambers**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dale Rieger at 5:00pm.

**Roll Call:** David Martin, Dick Cartmill, Darrin Deeter, Dale Rieger, Ruthann Cantile, Johanna Lund and Lyndee Zeigler

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Mary Darling

**Old Business:**

**Approval of Agenda:** David (1), Deeter (2). Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2024:** Zeigler (1), Deeter (2). Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Felix Merchant Park:** Martin told the commissioners that the City is working on updating their Master Plan. Felix Merchant Park updates have been set aside as a goal until Master Plan is completed as funding is depleted currently.

**Dog Park:** Rieger noted that the campaign for donations is underway, with a total of \$40k as the goal. Emails, phone numbers, addresses have been collected along with the pledges. Ron Wiseberger's son has been very helpful by creating spreadsheets of the data. Letters have been mailed as of 11/19/2024 for folks making pledges. Wheelers and Citizens National Bank will be making sizable donations. \$10k currently is in, \$30k has been pledged and the county has pledged up to \$10k. 60 days to get money in - January 14th, 2025 is the deadline. Bishop and Fernilius are willing to donate.

**Fundraising Opportunities:** Rieger shared that MarySue Ryan had offered three of her paintings for fundraising. Carol Yeck, the director of the Chamber of Commerce, is working on a raffle license. The funds will benefit Majestic Riverfront, the Children's Trail, and the Dog Park.

**Master Plan Survey:** Dan is still working on gathering information. No updates have been provided to us at this time.

**Next Meeting:** January 15, 2025.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Martin:** Economic Development: \$270k Grant to rehab the building next to Kingston Theatre and Bookstore (Nephews Building), storefront and two apartments. Martin will be transitioning to a City Councilman. Vacant Parks and Recreation Commissioner seat now.

**Cantile:** The Ice Rink is looking good. Concession stand up and running - volunteer run. Cleaning - primarily through Craig and Marg Bailey, other volunteers at times. It's encouraging to leave the space better than they found it. They have been given assistance from jail inmates, typically every Tuesday and Thursday.

**Council Liaison Mary Darling:** January topic: New 5-Year Plan for Parks and Rec due by January 2025. High Priority – City Manager Sabolsky should attend the meeting.

**Rieger:** Because of the difficulty in obtaining information on local events/activities, improving communication among identifiable groups and organizations and making information more accessible for interested individuals, Deeter, Zeigler, and Rieger will meet with library staff to discuss the possible creation of a central hub of information.

Suggestions regarding the meeting:

- Include the City's electronic newsletter
- Include Parks and Recreation – brochure? (paid for through local advertisers)
- Non-Resident fees for Parks and Recreation use
- The creation of a Recreation Authority?
- Financial: seek donations and/or a millage for activities like the Ice Pavilion?
- Discuss goals for 2025

**Motion to adjourn:** Deeter (1), Martin (2). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.