

*City of Marquette  
Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee  
Board Minutes  
Lakeview Arena*

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**Meeting date: April 11, 2018**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee was held in Marquette, Michigan. The meeting convened at 5:30 P.M. on 4/11/2018, Chair Samuel Crowley presiding; Phil Watts, Secretary.

Members of the Board in attendance were: Barbara Coleman, Samuel Crowley, Orville Dishno, Tara Gluski, Theresa Hamari, William Thompson, Phillip Watts. Excused – Maura Davenport, Natasha Koss, Joshua Morrison

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Minutes of the 3/21/2018 meeting of the PIPAC were approved as printed and distributed to the members of the board. Motion to approve by Barb, Second by Theresa. Motion Passed Approved by Consent

**Announcements:**

- a. New member, Orville Dishno, was introduced.
- b. Theresa announced that the Ad Hoc committee would meet Thursday.

**Public Comment:** None

**Director's Report:**

- a. Park usage is still low as normal for this time of the year. The colder than average weather has kept most people away and this will prolong the road closure and spring cleanup/projects.
- b. Reservations for facilities are picking up for the summer and we will get very busy as we enter graduation season.
- c. Talks are ongoing with NMU. Barb will update us, but there are already NMU students reaching out for workshops, presentations, and resource requests for Leave No Trace education. Staff are looking to budget to become members of the Leave No Trace organization for additional resources to promote the principles in our operations and policies in our parks. Barb announced NMU students have produced LNT videos. There will be a presentation on April 20<sup>th</sup> at The Lodge facility on campus.
- d. Staff are discussing execution of the Path to Blackrocks plan. Utilizing fence at the top of the hill may not be an option due to the rock, so staff are looking at other measures to create a barrier. Staff will be meeting with the Superior Watershed to discuss their assistance in the project relative to erosion prevention and planting of native plant species. Signage design was discussed and a layout for barrier boulders and signage will be brought to the next PIPAC meeting.
- e. Only one bid for the Kayak Concessionaire was submitted. Superior Kayaking Company submitted an application for a 3-year agreement with them. This will be the same agreement from last year with the same stipulations that were recommended by PIPAC. Staff are looking for support from PIPAC via motion of approval (see New Business).
- f. Discussion are still ongoing about operations for a Dark Sky Park at Presque Isle. The biggest hurdle is addressing security and enforcement of the hours and the gates. The City has limited resources, especially at that time frame. Further research and discussions took place this month. The main gate will be closed at 1:00 am during the period of June 1 – October 31 for Fridays and Saturdays. The road gate will remain open until the main gate closure. A motion of support was requested (see New

Business)

**Old Business:**

- a. Strategic Planning Process – Policies impacting Presque Isle Park. Motion to approve by Barb, Second by Bill. Motion Passed.
- b. Land use policy – A copy of Policy for Use Regulations for Presque Isle Park was provided in the Committee packet and reviewed.
  - i. There was a question regarding section area I relative to dogs and the need for language regarding service animals.
- c. Mobile Food Vending ordinance - Copy of the City ordinance for food vending (Chapter 35) was provided in the Committee packet. This language could be included under Rule 1 of the Use Regulations for Presque Isle Park. Discussion centered on potential for noise and other environmental pollution issues. Options include limiting vendors to specific locations or not allowing mobile vendors at Presque Isle. Andrew will explore the discussion points with his Director and report back to PIPAC.

**New Business:**

- a. Motion to approve contract with Superior Kayak Company (see Director's Report, point e). Motion by Tara, Second by Barb. Motion passed.
- b. Motion to support agreement of support for Dark Sky Park (see Director's Report point f). Motion by Theresa, second by Barb. Motion passed.
- c. Membership – PIPAC still needs one new member.

**Committee Member comments:**

Orville asked about Park Patrol having enforcement power and this was affirmed by Andrew. Barb commented that PIPAC members could be available to help in additional ways. Theresa suggested discussion regarding limiting the size of vehicles at Presque Isle. Sam will miss the next three months of meetings and will talk to Josh about Chairing meetings.

**Adjournment:** May 9, 2018 and 5:30 pm at Lakeview Arena, were fixed as the time and place of the next regular meeting and the March 21, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Phillip B. Watts  
Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee

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Date of Approval