

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 3/20/2023

1. Alderperson Kowalski **called** the Parks and Recreation Committee regular meeting **to order** at 04:00 PM in the [Marinette Council Chambers, 1905 Hall Ave, Marinette WI](#).
2. **Upon a call of the roll**, the following Committee member's attendance was recorded as follows:  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alderpersons Kowalski, Keller, Mikutowski & Klegin.  
**ABSENT:** Alderperson Polzin  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Genisot, Alderperson Oitzinger, Public Work Superintendent Pat Carlson, Recreation Superintendent Adrienne Lacy, City Forester Vince Kambitsis, Director of Tourism and Marketing Shawn Katzbeck Erin Noha and Melissa Ebsch.
3. **Approve minutes of January 16th, 2023 meeting.**  
Alderperson Klegin moved/Mikutowski seconded and all concurred to approve the meeting minutes from January 16th, 2023.
4. **Executive Director of Recreation & Events report.**  
Executive Recreation Director Scray provided his monthly report for January & February for the Community REC Center.
5. **Recreation Superintendent report.**  
Recreation Superintendent, Adrienne Lacy provided her monthly report for January & February.
6. **Public Work's Superintendent Report**  
Public Work's Superintendent, Pat Carlson provided his monthly report for January & February.
7. **Director of Tourism and Marketing report.**  
Director of Tourism and Marketing Shawn Katzbeck provided his report that included past and future events for the Community REC Center.
8. **Update regarding Welcome Center interior improvements.**  
Director of Tourism and Marketing Shawn Katzbeck provided pictures of the completed improvements at the Welcome Center.
9. **Information from City Forester regarding the Bay Shore Walkway.**  
City Forester Vince Kambitsis, updated the committee regarding the Bay Shore Walkway stating the work adding an extra 6 tenths of a mile of a trail addition off of Cleveland Ave and additional parking area will be added also, a contractor has been hired to mulch the underbrush and invasive species issues along with DPW employees. The costs are all covered by the wood from the taken down Ash Trees that had Emerald Ash disease issues. Eventually the hopes of a Native landscape with Maple, Oak and White Pine Trees could be in the works in the future. Kambitsis is hoping the project is complete by mid-late summer.
10. **Discussion and possible recommendation regarding bird monitoring station placement.**  
City Forester Vince Kambitsis, stated the City received a grant from Bird City USA for the Forestry Dept. and a possible use could be to install a bird monitoring station to work on tagging Migratory birds at Higley Field. Kambitsis worked with a representative and they feel Higley Field is the best location. Alderperson Klegin moved/ Mikutowski seconded and all concurred to **recommend the Common Council approve** the placement of a bird monitoring station at Higley Field. Kambitsis will need to work with DPW on a good power source.
11. **Update regarding Duer Gym.**  
Mayor Genisot updated the committee stating the last group who was interested in the Duer gym has purchased a different building and no longer plan to proceed with the Duer Gym. The committee may need to remarket the Duer Gym. The item will be on the next Parks & Recreation Committee agenda.

**12. Discussion regarding Outdoor Recreation Plan.**

Mayor Genisot stated the City is working with Bay Lakes Regional planning for pedestrian and bike trails and possibly the Outdoor Recreation Plan. The committee will discuss at the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

**13. Discussion regarding City of Marinette parks.**

The committee discussed the possibility of volunteer Student organization groups helping at City parks and other areas of the city. The committee discussed the individuals will need to work with a point of contact for the City. The City will look into liability through their Insurance Carrier.

**14. Items for April agenda**

Discussion and Possible action regarding Duer Gym

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**15. Adjourn.** Alderpersons moved Klegin/Keller seconded and all concurred to adjourn at 4:51 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

*(Next regular Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is **Monday 4/17/23 @ 4:00** in the Common Council Chambers).*