

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 07/17/2023

1. Alderperson Polzin filling in for Committee Chairperson 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 Polzin, Karban, Wolfe & Klegin.
ABSENT: Alderperson Kowalski
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Steve Genisot, Executive Recreation Director Scray, Alderperson Oitzinger, Melissa Ebsch, Public Works Superintendent Carlson, Marketing & Tourism Director Shawn Katzbeck, Recreation Superintendent Lacy, Dan Kitkowski and Chief LaCombe.
3. **Minutes of Parks and Recreation Committee.**
Alderperson Wolfe moved/Karban seconded and all concurred to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2023.
4. **Executive Director of Recreation & Events report.**
Executive Recreation Director Gavin Scray provided his monthly report for June.
5. **Recreation Superintendent report.**
Recreation Superintendent Adrienne Lacy provided her monthly report for June.
6. **Public Work's Superintendent Report**
Public Work's Superintendent Pat Carlson provided his monthly report for June.
7. **Director of Tourism and Marketing report.**
Director of Tourism and Marketing Shawn Katzbeck provided his report that included future events and marketing focus for 2023.
8. **Discussion/update regarding Duer Gym.**
Mayor Genisot stated after the open house at the Duer Gym two parties showed interest, one toured the facility and stated financially the Duer gym would not work, the other interested party made no contact with the city. Alderperson Karban asked if in the interim can things be done to continue routine maintenance such as the leaky roof. Executive Director Scray stated they do routine maintenance and make sure the facility is secure, and will try and tarp the area where the roof is leaking but it does not seem to be one initial spot that the roof is leaking. The city is still seeking individuals who may be interested in the facility. No action was taken.
9. **Discussion/update and possible action regarding outdoor pickleball courts at the Civic Center.**
Mayor Genisot met with Alderperson Kowalski, Brian Swenson and Executive Recreation Director Gavin Scray and discussed the upper courts. The committee discussed the next steps to possibly dedicate courts to pickle ball at the Civic Center. Brian Swenson stated the group needs dedicated courts so the non-profit organization can move forward with this proposal and start fundraising within the community. Alderperson Polzin spoke with the Marinette School District and they feel they would need to use the REC Facility if they lose any tennis courts for some of their events. The committee discussed the need for the Ice rink at the Civic Center and what is the direction moving forward. Alderperson Klegin moved/ Karban seconded and all concurred to recommend the Common Council approve dedicating 2- Asphalt courts at the Civic Center for sole use of pickle ball.
10. **Discussion and possible action regarding Division St. Park.**
Mayor stated there has been concerns regarding the structures at the park. Mayor Genisot distributed two letters of support for the Division St skate park. Dayton Godfrey, 2023 Thomas St spoke on behalf of approximately 15 attendees at the meeting all in support of the skate park. Godfrey stated the park is a go to place for many. Godfrey sees many people using the skate park including High School students. The committee has concerns of Liability Insurance and DNR permission. The committee agrees to allow the skate board park to remain/ unlocked contingent upon liability of Insurance, the DNR and City Attorney approval.
11. **Items for August agenda**
None requested.
12. **Adjourn.** Alderpersons Klegin moved/Wolfe seconded and all concurred to adjourn at 4:53 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

*(Next regular Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is **Monday 08/21/23 @ 4:00** in the Common Council Chambers).*