

**MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2017  
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gerry Corkin, John Thomas, & Luke Hubbard

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Carlson, Anna Mattson & Jeff Rogers

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derek DuShane, Scott Richards, David Nelson, Jim Thomas & Kimmie Peterson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion by Hubbard and second by Thomas to accept the February 2017 minutes. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Nelson spoke to the board about starting a community garden and a disc golf course in the Jackson Mine park area. He believes this would attract people into the park which would utilize the proposed new Jackson Mine park pavilion. The board asked Nelson to come back to the April meeting to discuss his plan in more detail. Nelson stated the pavilion project was a great plan for that area of the City.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing 2017 MDNR Trust Fund grant application**

The City of Negaunee Parks and Recreation commission held a public hearing for a 2017 MDNR trust fund grant application for the Jackson Mine park pavilion project. Jim Thomas chairperson of the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority spoke in favor of the grant application for the pavilion project. Thomas stated the project is a long time coming and looks forward to its completion. Kimmie Peterson said the pavilion will not only benefit the residents of Negaunee, also the west end of Marquette County. Following a discussion regarding the grant process a motion by Thomas and second by Hubbard to recommend the submission of a 2017 MDNR trust fund grant for the Jackson Mine Park pavilion project. Roll call vote – Thomas yes, Hubbard yes, Corkin yes. Motion passed.

The resolution authorizing the submission of the recreation grant for Jackson Mine Park Pavilion will be presented at the Negaunee City Council meeting on March 9, 2017. The board would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bernie Rivers Field Park Update**

City Staff provided information to the board on pavilion plans for the Rivers park project. Cost estimates on a 24X28 pre-engineered structure came in at \$16,200.00 which includes materials, delivery, engineered stamped drawings and construction plans. The price doesn't include installation, footings or concrete slab. It was discussed as to how to have the pavilion built. The options included a local contractor or community build with a local contractor overseeing the build. City staff will look into both options and report back to the board in April.

City staff has ordered the scoreboard from Daktronics Inc. for the cost of \$3,823.00 to be installed in the month of May. Weather permitting City staff will have pricing for the concrete work around the bleachers and dugouts for the April meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES**

##### **Spring Ice Time**

Thomas asked City staff about the possibility of having spring ice available to IRHA in the future. This topic has been discussed in the past by City staff and the board. The discussion revolves around the expense versus the income to have ice beyond the normal hockey season. The user group would need to buy regular ice hours for it to be cost effective for the City. City staff, supplies, daily building maintenance and equipment maintenance would all continue for a spring hockey season. Are the user groups willing to pay for the expense?

##### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm