

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2018
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald Corkin, Jeff Rogers & Anna Mattson

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Thomas & Luke Hubbard

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane, Nate Heffron, Don Gladwell, Jason Siik & James Larsen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Corkin and second by Mattson to accept the March minutes. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Baseball/Softball User Groups

The NHS JV/Varsity softball game schedule for the 2018 season at Lacombe Field starts 4/23/18 and runs thru 5/24/18. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 3-7pm (JV 3-5pm Varsity 5-7pm) when they do not have a game.

Jason Siik NHS Boys baseball coach presented the game and practice schedule for the 2018 season at Irontown Field. Their game schedule starts 4/19/18 and runs thru 5/16/18. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 3:30-5:30pm pm when they do not have a game. They will also practice on Saturday when the schedule permits.

The NHS boys baseball team will be hosting a tournament 5/12/18 at Irontown Field.

James Larsen presented the Superior Land Baseball League Schedule for the 2018 season at Irontown Field. The season starts 6/4/18 and runs thru 8/13/18 all games will be played on Monday nights @6:30pm.

Don Gladwell president of the Negaunee Little League presented the boys and girl's baseball/softball schedules for Lacombe, Rivers and Irontown fields for the 2018 season.

The girls tee ball, developmental, minor, major and junior leagues will be using Lacombe Field for practices on Saturday and Sunday from 10:30am-4pm during the months of June, July & August. All league games will be played at Lacombe field.

The boys tee ball, developmental, minor and major leagues will be using Rivers Field Monday thru Friday from 5pm-8pm for practice and games during the months of May, June, July & August.

The boy's junior league will be using Irontown field for practice and games. The schedule will be coordinated to not conflict with the NHS baseball season during the month of May.

Iron Range Women's Softball League requested the dates for their season at Lacombe Field of 5/9/18 and runs thru 8/22/18. They are requesting 3 time slots on Wednesdays. They will host there League playoffs 8/17/18 – 8/19/18 at Lacombe Field.

Negaunee Irontown Association requested the dates of 7/6/18 – 7/14/18 for the annual Negaunee High School Alumni Tournament at LaCombe Field.

Negaunee Travel Softball requested the dates of 8/3/18 – 8/5/18 for a girls 8U-12U softball tournament at LaCombe Field.

Motion by Rogers and second by Corkin to accept all the baseball/softball user groups' field requests for the 2018 season. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Jackson Mine Park IOHT Pavilion – Update

The State of Michigan still has not released the Trust Fund grant money for the projects that have been recommended for funding. When this does happen the City will enter into an agreement with the State to begin the Pavilion project. The Jackson Mine park ad-hoc committee is going to meet to discuss a fundraising campaign for a new playground to be constructed near the pavilion.

OTHER BUSINESS-UPDATES:

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The Negaunee Beautification Committee will meet for the first time of the year on April 17. The agenda for the meeting will be to put a plan in place for the projects they would like to accomplish in 2018. The students at Lakeview School will begin the annual Marigold Mania project on April 16th. The Negaunee High School wood shop class will be constructing new Ore Carts for 2018.

Western Marquette County Health Foundation

The Parks and Rec Department applied for a WMCF grant in the amount of \$14,700 for continued renovations of the Buffalo Rd Park. If the City is able to secure the grant it will proceed with replacing the existing basketball court with new asphalt and paint.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm