

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2018
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerry Corkin, Anna Mattson, Luke Hubbard, John Thomas & Jeff Rogers

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Rogers and second by Hubbard to accept the November minutes. Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Fee schedule for Farmers Market tents/tables

City staff along with the parks and recreation commission continued the process of determining a fee schedule for the use of the farmer's market trailer and its contents. With the hiring of a new City Manager in January the board feels he should have some input on the topic. The discussion will continue at our February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bernie Rivers Field Park Project - Update

The final reimbursement requests for the park project have been accepted by the State and funds returned to the City. There are few items still to be completed in the spring, restoration work and lighting for the Pavilion. The City will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring of 2018 to celebrate the completion of the park project. Great work by everyone involved!

Jackson Mine Park IOHT Trailhead & Pavilion– Update

The MNRTF grant application the City applied for in 2017 has been recommended for approval to receive grant funding in 2018 in the amount of \$291,100.00. The following steps need to happen before we receive the funding:

1. The MDNR must receive legislative and Governor Approval to appropriate the funds for these projects.
2. The City will need to approve and enter into an agreement with the MDNR to receive the funding.

OTHER BUSINESS – UPDATES

Negaunee Beautification Committee Report - NONE

Jackson Park Tennis Courts

City staff was contacted by Negaunee Public Schools superintendent Dan Skewis about the possibility of the school buying or leasing the 2 tennis courts located in Jackson Park. The school is in the process of eliminating their own courts at Lakeview School and phasing out the Arch street site. The school understands the current courts at Jackson Park would need to be resurfaced and the City has not budgeted for this to happen in the near future. Following a discussion a motion by Thomas and second by Corkin to have City staff continue to move forward with best solution for the School and City on this issue. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm