

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2017
NEGAUNEE ICE ARENA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald Corkin, John Thomas & Anna Mattson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Rogers, Luke Hubbard & Bill Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek DuShane, Don Gladwell, Jason Siik, James Larsen, Bradley Ruesing, David Nelson & Anna McBride

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Baseball/Softball User Groups

The NHS JV/Varsity game and practice schedule for the 2017 season at LaCombe Field starts 4/26/17 and runs thru 6/3/17. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 3-7pm (Varsity 3-5pm JV 5-7pm) when they do not have a game.

Jason Siik NHS Boys baseball coach presented the game and practice schedule for the 2017 season at Irontown Field. Their game schedule starts 4/20/17 and runs thru 6/3/17. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 4-5:30pm pm when they do not have a game. They will also practice on Saturday when the schedule permits.

The NHS boys baseball/girls softball teams will be hosting district play 5/30/17 – 6/3/17 at Irontown and LaCombe field.

Jason Siik Negaunee Legion coach presented the game and practice schedule for the 2017 season at Irontown field. The game schedule starts 6/6/17 and runs thru 7/20/17. They will be practicing Monday thru Friday from 3-5pm.

James Larsen presented the Superior Land Baseball League Schedule for the 2017 at Irontown Field. The season starts 6/5/17 and runs thru 8/20/17 all games will be played on Monday nights.

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 2017 season.

The girls tee ball, developmental, minor, major and junior leagues will be using Lacombe Field for practices on Saturday from 11am-4pm and Sunday 12 – 5pm during the months of May and June.

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 and June.

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.

The Negaunee Little League will be hosting the 11/12 yr. old boys districts at Rivers Field 7/8/17 – 7/16/17.

Iron Range Women's Softball League requested the dates for their season at Lacombe Field of 5/17/17 and runs thru 8/16/17. They are requesting 3 time slots on Wednesdays. They will host there League playoffs 8/11/17 – 8/13/17 at Lacombe Field.

The Renee Thomas tournament requested the dates of 7/28/17 – 7/30/17 for their annual Co-ed softball tournament at Lacombe Field.

Negaunee Irontown Association requested the dates of 6/30/17 – 7/8/17 for the annual Negaunee High School Alumni Tournament at LaCombe Field.

Xplosion Softball Inc. requested the dates of 6/23/17 – 6/25/17 for a girls 10-14U softball tournament at LaCombe Field.

Motion by Thomas and second by Mattson to accept all the baseball/softball user groups' field requests for the 2017 season. Motion passed.

Disc golf/Community garden projects

David Nelson resident of Negaunee gave a presentation to the board about the viability of constructing an 18 hole disc golf course in the Old Towne area of the City. He has 2 spots that he believes would be ideal locations for the course. The course would be 100% community funded and volunteer run. The initial cost to purchase the disc baskets (18) would cost \$5,800 which could be purchased thru a local grant. His only request of the City is to get there approval to move forward on the City owned property for the course. The board recommended David meet with City staff/ manager to discuss and walk thru the proposed site.

David Nelson resident of Negaunee gave a presentation to the board about the viability of constructing a community garden in the Old Towne area of the City. The location of the proposed garden would be along Iron St in Old Towne. The initial cost to start the project would be roughly \$1,000.00 in materials and sweat equity to prep the site. The size of the plots and cost to plant and harvest goods would be determined in the future. The board recommended David meet with City staff/manger to discuss the project. The board thanked David for his presentation on both projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Bernie Rivers Park Project

City staff continues to work with a local contractor to determine the cost estimate to install the 24'X28' pre-engineered pavilion structure. After a discussion on the pre-engineered structure the board would also like to see the cost of a stick built structure. A motion by Corkin and second by Thomas to have City staff develop plans and cost estimates for a 24'X28' stick built pavilion for the Rivers Field Project. Motion passed. City staff will look to have plans and estimates for the May meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS-UPDATES:

NBC

The Negaunee Beautification Committee will meet for the first time of the year on April 19. The agenda for the meeting will be to put a plan in place for the projects they would like to accomplish in 2017. City staff will coordinate with the NBC on the placement of the new sign for Miners Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm