

MONROE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2014

CITY HALL, SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was opened at 5:38 pm by Commissioner Bob Cebina.

Motion made by Secretary Cheryl Miller to nominate Commissioner Cebina as Chairman Pro Tem, supported by Commission Karen Feldman.

Motion carried unanimously.

Present: Chairman Pro Tem Bob Cebina, Secretary Cheryl Miller, Commissioners, Lucie Fortin and Karen Feldman.

Excused: Vice - Chairman Garry Knapp, Commissioners, Mary Minney and Henry Jones

Also present: Loretta LaPointe, Recreation Manager and Michele Rinne, Recreation Department Aide.

Approval of Minutes from March 26, 2014

Chairman Pro Tem Bob Cebina called for approval of the April 26, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Lucie Fortin to accept the minutes with the corrections, supported by Secretary Cheryl Miller.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Manager's Report

Loretta told the Commissioners that Councilman John Iacoangeli will be the Council Liaison for the RAC Committee. Councilman Iacoangeli wanted Loretta to bring up that City Council would like to put the Parks back under the Recreation Department and then rename the department the Parks, Recreation, Special Events and Tourism and then as a Commission we could talk about the needs/service of certain areas. There was also discussion about the possibility of having a German Festival.

Loretta then asked the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the Directors report.

Commissioner Karen Feldman questioned the different sizes of softball and about the State Adult Softball Tournaments.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Bylaws

Loretta explained that right now the bylaws of the Commission and the Ordinance seem to mirror each other and that the Bylaws should be the way that the meeting is run.

B. Ordinance

Loretta explained that the Ordinance will be more of why the City says the Commission exists. The Commission suggested some changes to both the Bylaws and the Ordinance such as name change to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission, do we need to have a secretary, does the Commission meet the open meetings act, and looking at lines 57-70 as to why they are there, changing the membership from 9 to 7 members. Loretta will then bring the Ordinance back to the Commission for their approval.

C. MRPA/Mousetrap Mobile App.

Loretta informed the board that Port Huron has this app and suggested that everyone take a look at it.

D. Michigan High School Fishing State Championship.

Loretta explained that through the National Bass Angles Association & Bass Federation there would be the Michigan High School Fishing State Championship that may be televised on NBC Sports, it will be held at Hellenberg Park, that no staff would be required, promote tourism, and that we are waiting for Mayor/Manager to sign the contract. It will go to the next Council meeting.

Communications

None

Commissioner Comments

None

Motion to adjourn made by Secretary Cheryl Miller, supported by Commissioner Karen Feldman.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.