



## AGENDA NOTICE

City of Traverse City Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
April 2, 2015

**CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 400 Boardman Ave.  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

Posted: 4 - 2 - 2015

Information and minutes are available from the Parks & Recreation Superintendent, D.P.S. Building, 625 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI, 49686 (231) 922-4910.

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If you are planning to attend and are handicapped requiring any special assistance, please notify the Parks and Recreation Superintendent as soon as possible.

### AGENDA

Chairperson Brian Haas Presiding

#### 1. CONSENT CALENDAR

The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the Commission, staff or the public may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed therefrom and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

- a. Consideration of minutes of the March 5, 2015 Regular Meeting and the March 18, 2015 Special Meeting

#### 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of making a formal recommendation on Division Street to send to MDOT

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on Wags West improvements and Community Garden program
- b. Update on revision of Recreation Plan
- c. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Commission goal setting special meeting results

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**6. COMMISSION REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Superintendent's Report
- b. Schedule of Upcoming Events

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## **MINUTES**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M.  
IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, 400 BOARDMAN AVENUE  
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN 49684**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Brook DiGiacomo, Gary Howe, John Gessner,  
Margaret Szajner, Danielle Rearick, Seamus Shinnars, (left the meeting  
at 7:07 p.m.) Brian Haas (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lauren Vaughn, Sheila Dodge

Vice-Chairperson Margaret Szajner Presiding

**1. ITEM ON THE AGENDA BEING CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Consideration of minutes of the February 5, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion by Shinnars, seconded by Gessner, that the following action as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved.

**CARRIED 6 – 0**

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Consideration of nomination of a representative to the new Arts Commission.

Motion by Howe, seconded by DiGiacomo to nominate Commissioner John Gessner to serve as the Parks and Recreation Commission Representative to the Arts Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CARRIED 6 – 0**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Superintendent Vaughn spoke regarding the consideration of name recommendation for the City park at Rose and Boyd Streets. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christine Maxbauer, 503 West Eighth St., T.C.

Larry Gerschbacher, 925 Kelley St., T.C.

Tom Evon, 609 West Eleventh St., T.C.

John DiGiacomo, 440 North Spruce St., T.C.

Motion by Shinners to name the park at Rose and Boyd after Robert M. Smith.

Second – No Support – Motion Fails

Motion by DiGiacomo, seconded by Haas to name the park at Rose and Boyd Streets Jupiter Gardens.

**ROLL CALL**

Shinners – No

Gessner – Yes

Howe – Yes

Rearick – Yes

Szajner – No

DiGiacomo – Yes

Haas – Yes

**CARRIED 5 – 2**

- b. Update on Sunset Park – removed – no discussion.
- c. Superintendent Vaughn spoke regarding the first phase of revision of the Parks and Recreation Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

- d. Superintendent Vaughn discussed the Parks and Recreation Commission goal setting special meeting.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Superintendent Vaughn spoke regarding the City applying for two additional grant applications for Clancy Park.

Superintendent Vaughn introduced Acting City Manager Penny Hill who was in attendance in the audience.

Superintendent Vaughn spoke regarding the Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation Networking Night, to be held Thursday, March 12, 2015.

Chairperson Haas spoke regarding the Hickory Hills public input meeting that will occur on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Vice-Chairperson Szajner spoke regarding the possible Strider Bike Park.

**5. COMMISSION REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Superintendent's Report
- b. Schedule of Upcoming Events

There being no objection, Vice-Chairperson Szajner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission approved: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ on April 2, 2015

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Lauren A. Vaughn  
Parks and Recreation Superintendent



## MINUTES

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.  
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, 400 BOARDMAN AVENUE  
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN 49684

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Brook DiGiacomo, Gary Howe, John Gessner,  
Margaret Szajner, Danielle Rearick, Brian Haas

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lauren Vaughn

Vice-Chairperson Brian Haas Presiding

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Superintendent Vaughn began the introductions followed by the Parks and Recreation Commissioners. Get to know the Commissioners ensued.
- b. Parks and Recreation Commissioners goals for 2015 were discussed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no objection, Chairperson Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission approved: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ on April 2, 2015

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Lauren A. Vaughn  
Parks and Recreation Superintendent

# Memorandum

The City of Traverse City

TO: Parks and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Lauren A. Vaughn, Parks and Recreation Superintendent



RE: Superintendent's Report

DATE: March 27, 2015

The Hickory Hills Community Input meeting was held on March 24. There were about 35 people in attendance. Mac McClelland gave a power point presentation and then fielded comments and questions about the plan. There were some good comments and there was confirmation that concept B + as called by the committee seems to be the most favorable to the part of the community that was present at the meeting.

Status on the Carnegie (History Center) Building. The Crooked Tree Arts Center started their lease on the newer part of the building on March 15. They will be using the carpeted areas on the main floor and 2 classrooms and an office on the lower level. The Grand Traverse Rock and Mineral Club will begin on April 1 to lease one small room for a workshop on the lower level of the newer side. The History Center is leasing 4 rooms on the lower level of the old part of the building for their work. The upper floor of the older side of the building is still in transition and will eventually be used by the City to rent for events, meetings, etc.

See you Thursday, April 2nd.

TO: Park and Recreation Commissioners

FROM: Lauren A. Vaughn, Parks and Rec. Supt.



DATE: March 27, 2015

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2, 2015 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

April 13, 2015 – Day Camp registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

May 7, 2015 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

May 23, 2015 – Scheduled opening for Milliken Waterscape

June 4, 2015 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.