

Alpena County Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

DRAFT Minutes, December 10, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Fournier called the meeting was called to order at 6:04PM

Pledge: Recited.

Roll Call: All members present except Bray and Rhodes who were excused and Kirchoff who was absent.

Adoption of the Agenda: Member MacArthur moved and Member Guthrie seconded; to accept the agenda as presented. Voice vote; carried with unanimous support.

Public Comment: Public comment was taken.

Beaver Lake Park Update: Due to the park having received a large amount of snow; they are requesting an additional 30 days to remove items from the property.

Member Guthrie moved and Member LeFebvre seconded; to allow the Martins through the month of January to remove items from the property. Voice vote taken; carried with unanimous support.

Earl mentioned that there is equipment on the property that

Long Lake Park Update:

Sunken Lake Park Update: Austin has began refurbishing the picnic tables, he ran out of lumber and needs to purchase some 2x10s to complete the project. It was discussed that since there is approximately \$1,400.00 in the budget for this work he may proceed so long as he stays within budget.

Manning Hill Park: No Update

Consent Calendar: Vice-Chair Osbourne moved and Member Guthrie seconded; to approve the consent calendar with the exception sans the minutes from last Parks & Rec Meeting due to a copy not being provided in hard form or via email (Member Ludlow however, noted that they were on Board Book). Voice vote taken; all in favor with Member Fournier opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Deputy Treasurer Nadeau gave the Treasurer's Report. Member Ludlow moved and XX seconded; to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote taken; unanimously carried.

Action Item 2: Recommendation to authorize the Treasurer to all remaining bills for 2025 and to make any needed budget adjustments for 2025 as presented.

Approval of Bills:

New Business:

1. Bonus Discussion – Motion by Member Guthrie and Member LeFebvre seconded; to pay each park manager a bonus of \$250. Discussion ensued about Austin and the amount he should receive it was determined that he should get XXXX. Roll call vote was taken; unanimously carried.

2. New Contracts – Motion by Vice-Chair Osbourne to present the contracts to the managers at both Long Lake Park (at Step 3) and Sunken Lake Park (at Step 1) as presented. No second was given and after discussion it was decided to move this item to the end of the agenda.

3. Long Lake Violation Notice – Chair Fournier announced that there was a letter requested by EGLE regarding how the Parks & Recreation Commission will prevent the discharge of grey-water by campers in the future. Secondly, a FOIA request regarding the violations at Long Lake Park was received. Member Guthrie moved and seconded by Vice-Chair Osbourne to have the County Administrator's Office handle both matters. Voice vote was taken; unanimously carried.

4. Long Lake Park Refunds – Discussion on whether there should be a refund for those who had committed the aforementioned violation. Member Guthrie moved and Vice-Chair Osbourne seconded to give the refund. Discussion ensued about the fact that if they do it for this one they may have to do it for all four. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with Osbourne and Ludlow opposed.

5. 2026 Meeting Dates – It was decided that the Parks & Recreation Commission will meet again on the second Wednesday in February at 6PM for the purpose of an organizational meeting.

6. New Contracts (continued) – This item was taken back up with a second being made by Member Fournier. A voice vote was taken; unanimously carried.

7. (Not originally listed on the agenda) Earl Martin requested to be recognized by the Chair Fournier, and he was recognized. Earl thanked certain members and individuals for the opportunity to work at Beaver Lake Park and wanted to also thank his wife, Marcia, for being his partner at the park and in life. He expressed thanks for her sharing in this adventure and looks forward to the next adventure with her.

8. Tributes Kevin Osbourne, Gerry MacArthur, David Guthrie and MacArthur Construction.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Member Ludlow seconded by Member Fournier; adjourned at 6:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jesse Osmer, Acting Secretary

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