

AGENDA

CITY OF BESSEMER Recreation Commission

Regular meeting of the City of Bessemer Recreation Committee to be held in City Council Chambers at 411 S Sophie on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD MEMBERS: Olsen, Coleman, Longhini, Jackovich

ROLL CALL

MINUTES: October

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1) **DNR Grant Denied**
- 2) **2022 Annual Report**
- 3) **2023 Meeting Schedule**
- 4) **Gogebic Conservation District Pollinator Grant**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Adjourn

**A Regular Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Committee
was held on October 6th, 2022
at 5:30 PM at City Hall.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34.

Present: Longhini, Olsen, Coleman, Jackovich,

Absent:

The board reviewed April and June minutes. Longhini made a motion to accept, and Coleman seconded. Yeses: Longhini, Olsen, Jackovich, Coleman. Noes: none. It was unanimous.

The board discussed the gaga pits. Longhini offered to set up the pit at Bluff Valley park to start weathering.

Staff gave an update on the Trust Fund Grant. Olsen asked that if the grant is approved to have an engineer present for the next meeting. If the grant is not approved then there are additional grants and programs to apply to.

The board discussed the walkthrough in the park in June. They asked for an update on what was completed from their list of needed improvements and updates. Coleman suggested they revisit the topic in Spring. The board discussed potential changes to Bluff Valley Park including resurfacing the skate park and including a pickleball court.

The board asked for a list of everyone who supported and donated to the trailhead including money and in-kind donations. They also asked if Kwik Trip has or would like to donate to the trailhead.

Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6 PM. Longhini seconded it. It passed unanimously.

City of Bessemer Parks and Recreation Commission

2022 Annual Report

The City of Bessemer's Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of five members who meet monthly on the 1st Thursday at 5:30 pm in the council chambers at City Hall at 411 S Sophie or remotely. A typical meeting consists of review of the previous meetings minutes, public hearings, discussion of articles for training, any new or old business, any communications, and reports from staff regarding development or any programs the City is involved, and finally a call to the public, and member's comments

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Include: Cheryl Olsen, Rob Coleman (council representative), Trevor Jackovich, Eric Longhini, and one vacancy. The commission did not meet as much this year due to staff changes and a lack of quorum. Each meeting started with a discussion of relevant articles to learn more various topics. Each member received training on the roles and responsibilities of commissioners including the open meetings act.

February 3rd, 2022

The board accepted the design presented by North Country Welding for bases for the Little Libraries. They also made a motion to create a brick for North Country Welding. The board accepted the 2022 Meeting Schedule. They brainstormed plans for 2022 including fixing up the parks, resurfacing one of the courts, and applying for another DNR grant in 2023.

April 7th, 2022

The board reviewed the list of people and organizations that have donated to the Trailhead project. They decided to wait to buy lumber for the Gaga Pit. Staff updated the board on the budget and had commissioners sign the volunteer policies and procedures manual.

June 2nd, 2022

The board discussed the installation of the Little Libraries. Staff will determine locations. The board walked through Bluff Valley and discussed their concerns and what they want to see there. Staff informed them that the high schoolers would work on painting and the 90 day workers would install the Little Libraries

October 6th, 2022

The board discussed the Gaga Pits. They discussed having an engineer at the next meeting if the DNR Trust Fund Grant is approved. Discussion was had on other possible grants if this is denied. They discussed the walk through the park in June and what all had been completed. They will revisit the topic in Spring. They discussed potential changes to the park including resurfacing and creating a pickleball court. They asked staff to reach out to Kwik Trip to see if they are interested in donating to the Trailhead project.

City of Bessemer

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule for 2023

The Bessemer Parks and Recreation Commission meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30, unless there is a conflict with holidays, in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 411 S Sophie, Bessemer, MI 49911.

- January 5th - Cancelled
- February 2nd
- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th
- June 1st
- July 6th
- August 3rd
- September 7th
- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th

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