



Saint Ignace Area Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda **August 10, 2022**
6:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. **Call to Order** by Bridgett Sorenson at 6:30 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call- Voting Members** (*Need 6 for a Quorum*)

	Present		Present
Ed Paquin, St. Ignace Citizen at Large	<u> </u>	Austin Kimberling, Moran Township Rep.	<u> X </u>
Emily Fullerton, St. Ignace Citizen at Large	<u> X </u>	Quincy Ranville, Visitors Bureau Rep.	<u> X </u>
Robert St. Louis, City Council Member	<u> X </u>	Tammy Shepard, SIHA Rep.	<u> </u>
Willie LaLonde, City Council Member	<u> </u>	Bridgett Sorenson, Sault Tribe Rep. (Chair)	<u> X </u>
Martha Sjogren, St. Ignace Area Schools Rep.	<u> </u>	Darcy Long, City Manager	<u> X </u>
Jane W. from the school board sitting in for Martha	<u> X </u>		
Mandy Bowlby, Moran Township Rep.	<u> X </u>	Recreation Director (No Vote)	<u> </u>
		Hannah Tropiano, Events & Program Coordinator (No Vote)	<u> X </u>

4. **Corrections, Deletions or Additions to the Agenda** (Board & Staff Only)

5. **Approval of the June Minutes** by Austin Kimberling, seconded by Darcy Long

6. **Approval of the July Special Meeting Minutes** by Austin Kimberling, seconded by Quincy Ranville

7. **New Business**

1. Recreation Update

a. Little League Board Meeting Update

- i. **The Little League Board met for the last time this season and spoke about future plans for the program. They would like to see it transitioned away from the Recreation Department and become its own free-standing program. The board is looking to expand the number of positions on the board and will be opening them in November for the 2022/2023 St. Ignace Little League season. They are looking to have their first meeting in December.**

b. Tennis & Soccer Seasons

- i. **Both seasons went well. Tennis continues to grow in the community which is nice to see. The Recreation Department is hoping to look into grants for new soccer nets.**

c. Flag Football

- i. **Starts on Thursday. There are four 8u teams and two 14u teams; coaches still needed!**

d. Art in the Park

- i. **Art in the Park started this past Monday—DIY Magnets. There were 6 kids and 3 parents who attended (poor weather moved the event inside Little Bear last minute) but everyone had a great time. Next class will be wind chime making followed by tie-dye.**

e. Roller Fab Friday

- i. **A \$5 Roller Fab Friday is planned for Friday the 19th. Depending on how well it goes in terms of community turnout, a second may take place at the beginning of September.**

2. Arena & Facility Update

a. Drop-In Floorball?

- i. **The Recreation Department put a poll out on Facebook asking everyone what they wanted to see happen in the arena (roller skating, floorball, pickleball) and only two people participated in it. Both votes were for roller skating. A drop-in date for floorball still may be considered between facility events.**

b. July & August CR Events

- i. **There was a particularly busy week in July with a couple of large events taking place. All of the clients seemed pleased with the facility and support staff, so that felt good considering the lower staff numbers. More events and weddings to come in August.**
- ii. **All of the facility staff have been working on different independent projects, such as prepping for future events and new systems of organization. So the staff is staying busy when there aren't any events or programs on the schedule and they are doing great work on both the recreation and facility fronts.**

c. New CR Rates

- i. **The proposed increased rates for the Conference Room and associated services were shared and discussed. It was brought up that more advertising for the conference room should be done, potentially at bridal expos to better promote the Conference Room for weddings. Resident rental rates vs. non-resident rental rates were mentioned as well.**

3. Fitness Center Suggestion Box & Updates

a. New Purchases

- i. **New 90-pound and 100-pound dumbbell sets were purchased for the Fitness Center after a couple of requests for heavier weights were submitted into the suggestion box.**
- ii. **A new line-item will also be added into the budget for Fitness Center capital outlay requests.**
- iii. **Lastly, a replacement cable for the lat pulldown machine has been ordered.**

b. Broken Equipment

- i. **The Fitness Center has seen a lot of wear and tear lately on the equipment. The lat pulldown cable, as well as cables on another machine have all snapped. Another cable on a different weighted machine is beginning to fray. Looking at all of the machine recommendations, the cables are recommended to be replaced once every year. That hasn't happened with any of our machines which is why so many are breaking now.**

c. Plan Going Forward

- i. **The facility staff is going to begin to compile a list of all the types of cables that need to be replaced. The light fixtures in the Fitness Center are also going to have some of the ballasts replaced finally, and staff will be working with fitness center users to make sure that the equipment is being used properly (i.e., no extra weights on the cables) to ensure longevity of the machines.**

4. Recreation Director Search Update

- a. How are things progressing with the committee?
 - i. **There were five people that the committee was set to interview, but now they are down to two. Both interviews are set for the following evening. One candidate is from out of the immediate area, and the other is from the Soo.**
- b. Is there a proposed timeline for hiring?
 - i. **As soon as possible (with the right candidate).**

8. Public Comment

- a. **Public comments were received inquiring about updating the tennis courts in town and the potential of them becoming dual-use for both tennis and pickleball. Different grant/campaign platforms were also mentioned for gaining potential funds for such projects.**

9. Next Meeting Date – **October 12, 2022** @ **6:30 pm** (Any excused absences for next meeting?)

10. Motion to adjourn by Robert St. Louis, seconded by Austin Kimberling, at 7:44 PM.

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