



Saint Ignace Area Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda **June 9, 2022**
6:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom

1. **Call to Order** by Bridgett Sorenson at 6:01 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>X</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.	_____
Willie LaLonde, City Council Member	<u>X</u>	Bridgett Sorenson, Sault Tribe Rep. (Chair)	<u>X</u>
Martha Sjogren, St. Ignace Area Schools Rep.	<u>X</u>	Darcy Long, City Manager	<u>X</u>
Mandy Bowlby, Moran Township Rep.	<u>X</u>	Morgan Mills, Recreation Director (No Vote)	<u>X</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 May Minutes** by Ed Paquin, seconded by Darcy Long

6. **New Business**

1. Little Bear Event Update

- Wrestling Camp
- Car Show
- July 4th Parking Lot Party
- Christmas in July Craft Show

i. **MM gave an update on upcoming programs at the LBE facility:**

This year's wrestling camp is full (approx. 400 people per camp) and car show will immediately follow. LBE staffing is currently low right now, the LBE office assistant, Bronwyn, has been offered another job for better pay so her last day will be July 8. The July 4th parking lot party has experienced some hiccups, MM is planning to meet with Nikki from the Chamber next week to see what adaptations can be made. On July 23 there will be a craft show in the conference room, so keep an eye out for more information on that.

2. Recreation Activities

- Little League
 - Field Use
 - Shirt Orders

iii. Teams

1. **MM gave an update for how Little League has been going so far this summer: There were some last-minute changes to field schedules for games due to the LBE fields still needing work to be done on them. MM spoke with both the DPW and DDA about the fields before coming to this decision (upon their advisement). The bathrooms at those fields have also been closed due to a plumbing issue, so when games/practices do take place back there, the arena bathrooms are left open for the public. A grant was received from the Community Foundation to purchase breakaway bases for the LBE fields. McCann field has also had work put into it this summer from Precision Edge and is in playable condition again and has been utilized throughout the season.**

The board discussed sports registration forms and whether all the sports should be on one form or if they should remain separated, as well as how early the forms should be sent out (and due back by) for ease of shirt orders and acquiring volunteer coaches.

- b. Soccer & Tennis
- c. Flag Football
- d. Art in the Park
- e. Roller Fab Fridays & Pick-up Basketball
- f. Floorball

i. Assistance from Hockey Association or coaches?

1. **Soccer and tennis registrations are open and as soon as registration closes the shirt order will be placed by MM. Flag football registration is due by mid-July. Art in the Park will take place on Monday evenings throughout August at American Legion Park. MM also hopes to do more Roller Fab Fridays in the second-half of the summer as well as pick-up basketball for the youth. MM requested that SIHA see if they can provide volunteers to help with floorball as the LBE staff doesn't know the sport but would still like to see the program put on for kids interested in hockey during its off-season.**

3. Fitness Center Suggestion Box

- a. **There have been a lot of equipment requests. The board can reach out to MM or HT if they would like to see a list of all comments/suggestions that have come in. MM would like to see 1-2 pieces of equipment replaced each year. Other common requests are: longer hours, more staffing, and working tv's.**
The board suggested looking into personal trainers who could double as Fitness Center staff, interns, grants, and looking into capital improvement projects.

7. Public Comment

- a. **Public comments were received regarding the Little League program, with one comment given regarding the Fitness Center.**

8. Next Meeting Date –**August 10, 2022** @ **6:30 pm** (Any excused absences for next meeting?)

9. Motion to adjourn by Quincy Ranville, seconded by Emily Fullerton, at 7:39 PM.

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