



**ST. IGNACE AREA RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING AGENDA – NOVEMBER 8, 2023 5:00 PM**  
**LITTLE BEAR EAST ARENA & COMMUNITY CENTER and ZOOM**  
**Meeting ID: 850 4923 0715**



1. Call to Order by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Voting Members (Need 6 for a Quorum)

|  | <u>Present</u> |   | <u>Present</u> |
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| Ed Paquin, St. Ignace Citizen at Large       | _____          | Austin Kimberling, Moran Twp. Resident                | _____          |
| Emily Fullerton, St. Ignace Citizen at Large | _____          | Quincy Ranville, Visitors Bureau Rep.                 | _____          |
| Robert St. Louis, City Council Member        | _____          | Kathleen Lee, St. Ignace Hockey Assoc. Rep.           | _____          |
| Willie LaLonde, City Council Member          | _____          | Bridgett Sorenson, Sault Tribe Representative (Chair) | _____          |
| Carol Halberg, St. Ignace Area Schools Rep.  | _____          | Scott Marshall, City Manager                          | _____          |
| Mandy Bowlby, Moran Twp. Resident            | _____          | Cathy Lamb, Recreation Facility Manager (No Vote)     | _____          |

4. Corrections, Deletions, or Additions to the Agenda (Board and Staff Only)
5. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting:
6. Old Business:
  - a. Arena entry door replacement – Doors have been ordered – Pending Delivery. I will be following up with Billy Fraser
7. New Business:
  - a. Completed Tasks / Events:
    - Several Corporate Rentals for Convention Center
    - Visitor Bureau Truck Show and Trek the Mighty Yoop
    - Mackinac County Wellness Coalition Senior Health Expo...Promoted Silver Sneakers Memberships and Signed up 9 new Senior Memberships
    - Ice Down, Olympia Training with Employees, Skate Sharpening with Employees
    - St. Ignace Hockey Association Hockey Practices 4 days per week / scheduling games & Jamboree as well
    - Community Fall Festival – almost 1000 in attendance!
    - Electronic Recycling Event – saved 2,656 pounds of electronic waste from going into landfills
    - Feeding America Food Truck – have several more on the calendar to host
    - Boo in the Soo 9 hockey game weekend
    - Kalkaska K-Stars hockey practice coming back throughout the season – 2 games and a practice schedule for this weekend
    - Meet in the Middle hockey weekend for Soo Lakers Pee Wee Team – 4 game weekend (Sault Ste Marie – MI, Alpena – MI, Portage – MI, and Toledo – OH.
    - Open Ice and Stick & Puck going well...applied for 2% grant to fund for the season. (Adult Drop in slow start)
    - Fall Craft Show 32 Vendor Booths – will do again next year and had several requests for a spring time Craft Show
    - Halloween Fab Friday – about 150 attendees, round table sponsored and donated door prizes and costume contest prizes
    - Camo Shoot-Out Hockey Tournament 11/3 – 11/5: 5 teams total ranging from Soo – Ontario, Marquette – MI, and Marquette – MI
    - Working with High School Volunteers for Concession Stand and Score box – will do so for the remainder of hockey season – and lead into Home Show, and Baseball /Softball Season

b. Upcoming Tasks / Events:

- Updating Contracts for Ad Boards/Dasher Boards – most business will be renewing and have several new businesses that will participate
- Ice Skating Fab Fridays November 24 and December 22 sponsored by Round Table
- Indoor Walking Program – Road Trip Renegades...Pick a destination, travel companion, create road stops (goals), (9.5 laps around the rink = 1 mile) follow progress on a map, create contests to see who can arrive at their destination the quickest. Creates a fun way to be accountable to exercise regularly and to reach exercise goals by celebrating success along the way.
- Getting Renee' Vanderworth certified to be a Silver Sneaker Instructor so that her fitness classes can be reimbursed by Silver Sneakers.
- Working on Organizing Kids Tumbling/Exercising Program
- Working with Chamber of Commerce for Christmas Community Celebration / Hosting Site with Skate Night
- Organizing Make and Take Holiday Craft Nights (Adult and Children driven)
- Organizing Family Fun Game Nights / Movie Nights – need to pick a few days on the calendar
- Working with Middle Schools for Youth Volunteer Group – program for 2024 (once a month during school year / 1 a week during summer)
- Work with Evergreen Living Center Activities / Lani Fettig and Schools to have an "Adopt a Grandparent" Day
- Begin to Prep for Home Show and Spring Recreation Sports Registrations
- 6 additional Hockey Tournaments are scheduled
- Organize Basic Cardiac Life Support / AED Training for LBE Staff and other City Staff
- Working with other organizations on a Community Collaborative Calendar of Events
- Meeting with Sharon at the Library to discuss her activity initiatives – we don't want to overlap each other or schedule "Like Events" on the same day or too close to one another.
- Working with Visitor's Bureau for 2024 events and funding. Bounce House/Inflatables , etc.
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Classes - Try it for free classes to be held at Little Bear...Working out the details with the volunteer instructors. All they need is floor mats – we have them already.
- Basic Cardiac Life Support and First Aid Certification Class with Mark Wilk – Open to other City Depts. Scheduled with Mark Wilk. (after 12:00 PM – exact time to be determined)

8. Public Comment – things to consider:

- What programs/initiatives would you like to have continue/reoccur for the upcoming year?
- What would you like to see change for the 2024 Year?
- What can I do to better serve the committee?
- How would the committee like to be involved in upcoming events and programs?

9. Next Meeting Date: January 10, 2024

10. Motion to Adjourn by: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.