

September 13, 2021, Special Board Meeting

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Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held at the Pavillion in Pentoga Park. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Jacob Conery, Jeff Ofsdahl, Mike Stafford and Mark Stauber.

Also present: Maintenance Supervisor John Lortie, Pentoga Park Manager Chris West and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Stafford, to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment.

Sue Treado, a long-time camper in the park, praised the park and her love of camping there.

Dave Thone asked what is our agenda for the park. Peretto stated the board needs to give the Parks and Recreation Committee some direction, i.e., electrical, docks, water system, etc. a list so they would be able to apply for grants. Ofsdahl said they need to take a look around to see what needs to be improved and decide what the camping rates should be. Ofsdahl also compared what other campgrounds charge. The rates haven't been increased in many years.

Todd Gartland said where else can you have a "summer cottage" at a very reasonable price.

Glen Treado thanked Chris West and staff at Pentoga Park and said it's a family.

Sandy Teske praised Chris West.

Ken Gartland said it's the most beautiful park in the U.P. and recommends hiring an engineer for updating the water because things were done "hodge-podge" in the past.

Justin Curtis didn't have any complaints, just stating the water system needs to be improved.

John Archocosky of the Parks and Recreation Committee said why do we charge 90 day seasonal rates and let campers stay 5 months.

Peretto asked for public comment two more times, with no further comments voiced.

New Business:

After some discussion on daily, monthly and seasonal rates, it was moved by Stafford, supported by Ofsdahl, to charge the following campground rates for Pentoga Park:

Iron County Resident: Daily \$24.00; Monthly \$630.00; Minimum Seasonal Rate \$1,800.00

Non-Iron County Resident: Daily \$30.00; Monthly \$720.00; Minimum Seasonal Rate \$1,980.00

Roll call vote: Ayes: Conery, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Peretto

Nays: Stauber

Motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment.

Jan Sartorelli said people don't have any problems getting camping sites.

Joe Vrancic said the Park isn't losing money, as most seasonal campers don't stay every night.

Dick England wanted assurance that the increase in rates will produce results as far as improvements.

Jeff Cayo said the Park should charge upfront and if campers don't show, no refunds.

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The “Park Suggestion List” will be discussed more at the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting to be held jointly with the Iron County Commissioners as a Special Meeting next Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

It was then moved by Ofsdahl, supported by Stauber, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle