

FACILITIES, CAPITAL & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Travis Konarzewski, Chair
Brenda Fournier
Bill LaHaie
Todd Britton
John Kozlowski

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator
Jennifer Mathis, Human Resources Specialist
Wes Wilder, Maintenance Superintendent
Nick Akins, Fairgrounds Caretaker
Holly Akins, Fairgrounds Caretaker
Jeremy Winterstein, Northern Lights Arena
Jessica Henry, Northern Lights Arena
Kim Bolanowski, Plaza Pool Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Travis Konarzewski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Britton to adopt the agenda.

INFORMATION ITEM: Jeremy Winterstein provided an update on Northern Lights Arena. Their printer was not working and they were unable to bring a print out of their financials. Winterstein said that there is around \$80,000 in the bank and they just finished hosting the 2nd largest tournament they have ever had. High School regionals are coming up and Peewee states are next weekend. Commissioner Kozlowski said that they have not been provided a budget for this year and have not received any financials since September, 2024. Winterstein will provide this information to Jesse Osmer, County Administrator.

There is a Rodeo coming in May for Mother's Day. A deposit has not been given yet, but they are getting things wrapped up. In the past the Rodeo was not a big money maker, but Winterstein has been approached to try hosting it again said that it will be a money maker this time or they will not do it again.

INFORMATION ITEM: Commissioner Kozlowski said that him and Osmer went out to Northern Lights Arena last week and heard from Rachel Smolinski, City Manager, that she had asked Winterstein to plow the snow in front of the recycle bins. Commissioner Kozlowski said some parking spaces are not on Northern Lights Arena property, and it belongs to the Alpena Soccer Association as long as they maintain it for the existence and use of soccer fields. Commissioner

Kozlowski was told that Smolinski can get someone else to plow the snow if Winterstein does not want to do it. Winterstein said the recycling bins originally started 3-4 years ago and initially Don Gilmet, when he was a commissioner, had asked Winterstein if he would mind if the recycling bins were placed there. Winterstein said that he did mind and was worried about garbage, but Gilmet told him that the bins were going to show up regardless. There were originally 3-4 bins and now there are 8, and this was never discussed. Winterstein has been listed in 3 slip and falls at the facility in the past 3 years and since he plows it, he's responsible. The traffic has increased since the bins have been placed in the parking lot. Winterstein said that the bins make the business look bad. Winterstein found a box spring and mattress leaning against one of the bins last week when he went to plow. Winterstein called Bailey Barr and when he showed up to take care of the mattress, he informed Winterstein that they only wanted to pay \$500 for the season to take care of the snow. Winterstein wanted \$1,750 for the season. Commissioner Kozlowski said that the dumpsters on the paved area are going to cause damage over time. Commissioner LaHaie made a motion to move dumpsters out of the Northern Lights Arena parking lots with 6 months to decide where they are going to put them. Commissioner Konarzewski suggested that we move the bins to the city garage where they have 22 acres of space. Motion supported by Commissioner Fournier. Commissioner LaHaie amended his motion to have a resolution within 60 days instead of 6 months. All in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Kozlowski told Winterstein that in the future all problems with Northern Lights Arena need to be brought to the board of commissioners.

INFORMATION ITEM: Kim Bolanowski, Plaza Pool Director, said last month we had over 4,000 visitors and financials are \$11,000 in the black, but she has not seen utility bills. Ready Set Swim is going on and she is looking for someone to sponsor Coach Swim for home schoolers. The Youth and Rec grant covers APS and private schools but does not provide enough for APS. It costs \$9,600 and we only receive \$7,000 so we need to find sponsors for the balance.

We are having issues with heat and Bolanowski has been in contact with CSI. Wes Wilder, Maintenance Superintendent, replaced a vent motor recently and this is the first he's known about ongoing issues. Bolanowski said the issue is in the men's locker room and Wilder will check with CSI.

The underwater ROV competition has moved to Gaylord, and we are trying to get it back. NOAA from Washington State is coming first week of March to rent the pool.

INFORMATION ITEM: Wilder said that we are still having trouble with the MDOT building. Control solutions has been in contact with the engineer, but Wilder has not seen a quote yet. Wilder said we are not getting complaints, and it is something that needs to be fixed but it is not a high priority.

Tony's Tree Service removed 3 trees at the health department. There was a smaller birch and another tree that were taken down on New Years Day.

We gave a 50% deposit for the concrete repairs on the steps located on the back of 911 and the Department of Corrections. The work is schedule for the first thing this spring.

Maintenance has been repairing plaster at the courthouse. The Register of Deeds office is done and paint has been touched up. There is still a little more to do in the Treasurer's office. We are down another maintenance person and the employees have been trying to keep up with work tickets and snow removal.

There was a heat issue at the 711 building. Controllers were replaced for about \$1,500 and there was a bad sensor that was replaced for about \$1,500. A boiler inspection was completed last week and everything was ok but as of yesterday we have a pressure valve leaking on boiler.

Wilder is looking for a contractor to start hauling the snow out of the parking lots and moved to the Fairgrounds.

INFORMATION ITEM: Motion by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to receive and file recycling reports. Motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEM: Holly Akins, Fairgrounds Caretaker, said that the Fairgrounds is completely booked for fair week and all deposits have been received. The merchants building has been getting booked with events. Animal control has been calling Akins and notifies her when they show up to use the merchants building. Akins would like the outside of main bathrooms painted. The Caretakers are working on a grant with NEMCOG to help restore the grand stands.

***Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.


Travis Konarzewski, Chair

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