Meeting Date 10/13/2026

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 PM
by Steve Pawlick

Members in Attendance

Steve Pawlik	Craig Greer
Jeff Lukasavich	Mary Martin
Jeff Licht	James Hutton
Rachel Smolinski	Nick Dinardo

(**Red** = Absent)

New Business:

1) Commission members made a field trip to the city council workshop at 6:30 to hear Nick Dinardo give his presentation about the Buffalo Water Keepers Shoreline Project for Sweeneey Street along side the canal. The project has been funded and approved and will begin in the spring of 2027.

2) The people that were running the marina at Lumberjacks have been removed and the city will run the marina in the future. The restaurant operation will be bid out and the current contractor is leaving most of the equipment. Alex from the recreation department is waiting for everything to finalize when he will receive the keys to the building. At that point the city will advertise for someone to operate the restaurant and the city will take over running the marina. The estimated profit from the city operating the marina is $100,000 a year after all is said and done. This estimate is up from the $45,000 the city received from the operation in 2025.

3) A kayak launch at Gateway Park is part of the Recreation Department's wish list along with some type of kayak locker/ storage being set up on the side hill above the current dock. It appears that a lot of prep work would be needed to excavate this area and install a retaining wall. There is no time line for this at the current moment.

4) It was brought up that there is no pedestrian crosswalk button at the signal at Sweeney and Main Street. This is a high traffic area now and crossing the street there has become quite difficult. Steve Pawlik is going to talk to the Mayor about this issue.

Old Business:

1) The bathrooms at Mayor's Park will b e removed in the fall of 2027. The city is going to replace them with new structures. Grant requests are being drawn up with an estimated cost of $375,000. National Grid is offering a contribution of $60,000. The grant request would be for $315,000. See cost breakdown below.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

The Waterfront Commission will have their next meeting on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.