

**CITY OF MARINETTE ROOM TAX COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FROM 03/14/2018**

Mayor Genisot acting Room Tax Commission Chairman called the City of Marinette Tourism Commission meeting to order at 1:30 PM at Marinette Council Chambers.

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **Upon a call of the roll, the following Committee member's attendance was recorded as follows:**
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Genisot, Alderpersons Kowalski, K.C. Wilson and Scott Wahl.
ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Alderperson Walters; Jan Kust; Doug Oitzinger, John LaCourt, Dale Minzlaff, Scott Crow, Christian Tulodieski, Trista Hobbs, Kim Brooks, Connie Hass, Emma Kuhn & Lynette Brosig
3. **Approval of January 30th, 2018 meeting minutes. (See attached.)**
Scott Wahl moved/ Alderperson Kowalski seconded and all concurred to accept as presented the minutes of January 30th, 2018.
4. **Discussion and possible action regarding approving funding for the WISHIGAN Team Rowing Club International River Regatta.**
Scott Crow and Christian Tulodieski representatives for the Wishigan Team Rowing club were present to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding the Room Tax Grant application. Scott Crow explained they are looking for funding to help with the cost of jerseys for the participants in the August 17-18 annual River Regatta in hopes to lower the registration fee to gain more participants. No action was taken.
5. **Discussion and possible action regarding funding for American Legion Baseball bleacher replacement.**
Dale Minzlaff representing the American Legion Baseball of Marinette Inc. was present to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding the Room Tax Grant application. American Legion Baseball is looking for funding to help replace bleachers that are outdated and not handicap accessible and cannot hold seating capacity that the new bleachers would provide. The bleachers will be used for all regular season games at Pedersen Park for the Legion, JV Legion and Marinette Redbirds. The American Legion also hosts annual tournaments that requires participants to stay overnight for 2-3 days. No action was taken.
6. **Discussion and possible action regarding funding for MM Area Chamber of Commerce -Downtown Marinette Action Group (DMAG) Plant Our Pride Walleye Art Initiative.**
Connie Hass, Trista Hobbs, Kim Brooks and Kathy Springberg representing the Downtown Marinette Action Group (DMAG) were present to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding the Room Tax Grant application. DMAG is looking for funding to help with flower pots that are sponsored by local businesses that will hold a metal Walleye sculpture, annual and perennial flowers and be painted by local artists. The group is hoping the pots will be ready for disbursement in May which are assembled at Marinette Farm & Garden. No action was taken.
7. **Discussion and possible action regarding funding for Marinette School District WIMI Border Battle Wrestling Tournament.**
Brian Walters and Dean Furton representing the Marinette School District were present to answer any questions the Commission may have regarding the Room Tax Grant application. The group is looking for funding to help hold a WIMI Border Battle Wrestling Tournament. Most of the teams that will be participating in the tournament will need to stay overnight as the tournament schedule goes into the evening hours. The group is planning on having 10 teams five from each state and already have commitments from 3 teams. The funding will help with equipment costs as some of the equipment at Marinette High School is out dated. No action was taken.

Cc: [Commission members](#); [Mayor](#); [Common Council and Clerks file](#).

8. Discussion and possible action regarding funding for Marinette Monument Entrance Signage.

Mayor Genisot is proposing new signage for the City of Marinette to help tourists located certain areas within the city. No action was taken.

9. Discussion regarding possible items for next meeting.

Discussion and possible action regarding Room Tax procedural policy.

Before adjourning the Commission discussed having a special meeting to make any recommendations regarding the Room Tax applications that were heard today. The special meeting will be held Wednesday March 28th, 2018 @ 2:00PM.

10. Adjourn.

K.C. Wilson moved/ Alderperson Kowalski seconded and all concurred to adjourn at 2:38 PM.

Lana Bero, City Clerk

(Next regular Tourism Commission meeting is Wednesday 04/11/18 @ 1:30 in the Conference Room 214)