

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MDNR 2015 TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION  
ICE LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS  
Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
10 AM  
Minutes**

Mayor Terry Tarsi called the Public Hearing to order at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers at the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Daniel Baumgartner, Rick Commenator, Jere Fritsche, Edward Marcell and Tarsi.

Absent: None.

Also present: Attorney Mark Tousignant, Manager Perry Franzoi, and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Richard Anderson, Bill LaRock, Larry Melstrom, Paul VanMinsel, John Cimarelli and Craig Richardson (GEI Consultants).

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public comment regarding the MDNR 2015 Trust Fund Grant Application for the Ice Lake Park Improvements project.

Larry Melstrom has concerns with the milfoil problem in Ice Lake. The milfoil is taking over portions of the lake and noted while fishing in front of the beach last year, was picking up milfoil. Tarsi explained he did not believe that this grant does not cover the water or the milfoil issue. Melstrom asked if the City could do something to help. Tousignant responded that the Ice Lake Association was actively involved with treatment of the milfoil by soliciting funds from the property owners including the City and the hospital. Tarsi said that the Council will discuss the milfoil at a later date seeing as it does not fall into the parameters of this grant.

Melstrom also questioned the position of the fishing dock. He feels that the proposed location is not a good place as there is no structure which will hold fish. Richardson explained that this is just a proposed location and has discussed the plan with the fisheries division of the DNR for the proper placement best suited for holding fish. The DNR will aid in the placement, however, are not available right at this time. Melstrom also asked if a canoe access would be considered also. Tarsi said that they will consider the canoe access.

Melstrom asked where the placement of security cameras will be. Richardson explained that they are working with a security camera vendor and waiting on their proposal, but again, this is just a conceptual plan.

Richard Anderson, member of the Recreation Committee, is in favor of the plan. Over the years the kids have been hanging out down by the beach at night and there's no way to patrol the area and vandalism occurs. By having the changing house closer to the parking lot, it can be better patrolled. Richardson interjected that there will be a pavilion below, however, LED security lights will be installed along with on-site cameras to help keep this problem at bay.

Bill LaRock also thinks it's a great idea. At one time it used to be a very busy, active park and the condition has slowly deteriorated over the years. By making these improvements, it will be a place that can be busy once again.

Tarsi questioned the milfoil issue again. Richardson added that last year, the DNR announced their first round of invasive species grant and Chicagoan Lake applied and was awarded so this is an avenue the City could pursue. Clerk Andreski added that a few years ago, the lake association hired a group to come and place weevils on the plants to help in the elimination of the milfoil.

Bernie Sacheck spoke with a landowner this morning and the lake association has dismantled. Sacheck provided the City with information with abatement by harvesting it which was a procedure that was done on Chicagoan Lake.

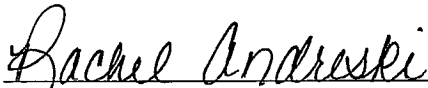
Paul VanMinsel asked if an addendum to the grant could be done to deal with the milfoil. Richardson said it's a separate grant.

Baumgartner asked if any consideration was taken on a previous comment about parking and Richardson stated that this is a preliminary plan and that it can be changed.

Tarsi added he is in favor of the project.

There being no further public comment, Baumgartner moved to close the Public Hearing. Commenator seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Marcell moved to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Tarsi seconded. All in favor; motion carried.



Rachel Andreski, City Clerk