

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
10 AM
Minutes**

Chairman Craig Richardson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Keith Hamel, Dan Hinch, Phyllis Mangone (10:05a.m.) Terry Tarsi, McKenna Kegley and Richardson.

Absent: Jeff Andreski.

Also, present: Interim City Manager Rachel Andreski and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in attendance: Dennis Powell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Hinch moved, with support from Tarsi, to approve the Agenda as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Jeff Andreski.

APPROVE MINUTES

Hamel moved, with support from Hinch, to approve the June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Jeff Andreski

REPORTS

Interim Manager's Report: Andreski recapped the joint meeting between City Council, Planning Commission and DDA. The purpose of the meeting was to start the process of devising the Master Plan and how to work together towards a goal moving forward.

Andreski said she was in contact with Scott Roehl (UPPCO) and Tony (Van Ert Electric) and they will be starting the Nelson Field electrical breaker box project tomorrow, September 10, 2020. UPPCO has donated supplies and time to the project and they should be done on Friday, September 11, 2020.

Andreski told the Committee that Council did not have any interest in submitting a bid for the Armory and some members attended the walk through. Dan Hinch stated he emailed a contact down state and asked if any bids were received. He has not gotten a reply. Tarsi asked if anyone knew if the building would be maintained and Andreski stated she thought it would be. Hinch said he spoke with the gentleman manning the front desk and he said the boilers were scheduled for more maintenance and between the two, they would keep it heated.

Andreski informed the Committee that six applicants submitted resumes for the City Manager position. Council would be reviewing them at their next meeting on September 16th.

Andreski reminded the Committee that the Large Item Disposal is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. A full staff will be available to help unload trucks and trailers.

Andreski stated that the DDA, Seth Senter Builders and Bruce Benkley have been working on some upgrades to the disc golf course and entrance driveway. John Ahlberg, through Bruce Benkley, contacted Wisconsin Electric. Andreski stated she spoke with their representative and they would be willing to lease or even donate that section of land to the City. She said they are even willing to do some in-kind services to help with improvements. Andreski then updated the Committee on Trail 16 that runs through the golf course. This trail has a spur that goes to Kermit's and past Hebert's shop towards Crystal Falls. It was heavily damaged due to several rainstorms over the summer. She said she contacted EGLE (MDEQ) and they informed her that that portion of the trail is an Iron County recreational trail and is owned by Iron County, not the Road Commission and is part of the DNR designated ORV and snowmobile route trails. They also stated that after the last storm, that portion of the trail was closed, however it was only showing closed on their website, not physically at the location. Andreski stated that the Chippewa Sno-Kats snowmobile club are working with a contractor to assess the damage. No time frame was set for the repairs. Richardson stated the only way to fix this problem is to pave the trail to the top of the hill.

Hinch asked Andreski if she would like to discuss the Ice Lake conversion issue. He passed out information that he had received. Richardson stated in his opinion, the project is not worth spending any money on at this time due to the condition of the bath house. Hinch stated the problem is not only with the State, it now includes the National Park Service because of how the original grant was written. Tarsi questioned how the National Park Service was involved because he participated in the original grant process.

Mangone moved, with support from Tarsi, to approve the Interim Manager's Report. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Jeff Andreski

OLD BUSINESS

Nanaimo Park and Well House #2 Roof Projects – Richardson stated no bids were received and he could not get a contractor to return a phone call, email or text message. One contractor said he was too busy with jobs going into next year. Bids were sent through the Builders Exchanges in Marquette, Escanaba and Iron Mountain. Richardson stated he is still trying to get at least, two bids for comparison, and proceed from there. He said another contractor said the cost of building supplies have gone so high, he did not want to bid.

Recreation Plan Update: Andreski stated after some investigating, the Plan has not yet been submitted to the DNR. The previous City Manger did not complete some tasks and Vanessa Warren of OHM could not move forward. Andreski has the list of the items to be completed and she will work with Richardson on that project.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Hamel asked if the Committee could make a recommendation to Council about purchasing the Armory. Tarsi and Richardson stated, they would not.

ADJOURNMENT

Tarsi moved, with support from Richardson, to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent: Jeff Andreski



Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer