

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
10 AM  
Minutes**

Chairperson Craig Richardson called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Kaylee Rosengren, Jeff Andreski, Michael Berg, Keith Hamel and Richardson.

Absent: Tyana Elenbaas and Dan Hinch.

Also present: City Manager Rachel Andreski and City Clerk Kelly Stolberg.

Public attendance: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

J.Andreski moved with support from Hamel to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Elenbaas and Hinch.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Hamel moved with support from J. Andreski to approve the March 13, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Elenbaas and Hinch.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Recreation Plan Update**

R. Andreski stated that soccer is in full swing. She has been working with the Iron County Little League getting electricity on for their pitching machine at Bachman Park.

Hamel moved with support from J. Andreski to approve the Manager's Report. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Elenbaas and Hinch.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MDNR Conversion Issue**

Richardson said the Angeli property along 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the Iron River interest has changed to a parcel Andreski identified. Richardson explained he and Andreski received tentative approval from the DNR and the National Park Service that the proposed 2-acre strip of property with approximately 1,000 feet of frontage on the Iron River. The property is owned by the Alexa's off Homer Road. They are willing to sell to the City for \$20,000. Andreski stated that there is a Surplus City Property Fund that could be utilized. Hamel moved with support from Berg to recommend to Council the purchase of the Alexa property with funds from the Surplus City Property Fund. Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Rosengren, Andreski, Berg, Hamel and Richardson. Absent: Elenbaas and Hinch. Motion carried.

**WE Energies Property/Disc Golf Course Parking Lot**

Richardson stated that FA Industrial will be doing the work. The DDA Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee will split the funding for the project. The work will begin after July 4, 2024.

R. Andreski updated that Seth Center, who is an industrial arts teacher in Eagle River and Bruce Benkley will take care of making signage for the course. After discussions with Benkley, she will contact Ryan Wiley for placement of a directional sign. They will utilize money collected from donations. They are hoping to host a tournament in August after the project is finalized.

### **Nelson Field Lighting**

Andreski stated she had a meeting with Superintendent Kevin Schmutzler and discussed the contract with the school they have had since 2009. She would like to see the contract updated. Currently the Parks and Recreation Committee mostly pay for the lighting there with their budget.

Richardson stated the Superintendent wants the track to be updated. Then they potentially could host regional track meets here.

R. Andreski explained in 2002 the school leased Nelson Field for \$9,600 annually. The school couldn't afford to keep paying this, so they created a fund for 10% of gate admission. These funds are to be used for mutually agreed upon projects at Nelson Field.

Hamel moved with support from Berg to recommend the ticket sales amount of \$8,000 to the school for the track.

Roll Call – Ayes – 4: Rosengren, Berg, Hamel and Richardson. Nays – 1: J. Andreski. Absent: 2- Elenbaas and Hinch. Motion carried.

### **Pickle Ball Courts -Skateboard Park**

Tabled.

Berg asked will the courts be available to the public.

### **Park Rental Fee**

Andreski updated that Council approved their recommendation an exclusive user fee for parks will be \$50 Resident and \$100 Non-Resident. There will be signage posted.

### **Apple Blossom Trail Boardwalk**

Richardson updated that there is no funding available and that the project is on hold. Waiting for signs to come to put up signage.

### **Michigan State University/Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership – Ice Lake**

At the last regular meeting, Mike Golas gave a thorough presentation requesting a project be done at Ice Lake Park at their expense. Richardson provided him with an updated map.

### **2024Capital Projects**

Disc Golf Course Parking Lot will be funded from the Parks and Recreation committee and the DDA Committee.

The MDNR Conversion Project will probably only need to do a Phase I Environmental Assessment. Mackinaw Environmental provided a proposal for \$2,800. If there needs to be a Phase II, the average cost is normally \$10,000 to \$15,000. Hamel moved with Berg to approve the Mackinaw Environmental Phase I Assessment. Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Rosengren, M. Berg, J. Andreski, Hamel and Richardson. Nays – 0. Absent: 2 - Elenbaas and Hinch. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

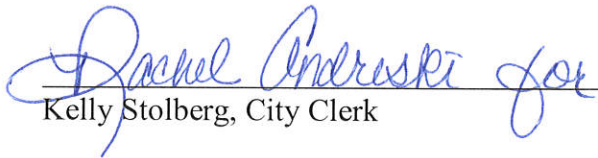
None.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

J. Andreski updated that the DPW received the lawn mower trailer. He said City Council did buy one lawn mower and the Parks and Recreation Committee paid for another. They will be delivered together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Richardson moved with support from Berg to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Absent: Elenbaas and Hinch.

  
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Kelly Stolberg, City Clerk