

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 8, 2024
9 AM
Minutes**

Chairman Robert Byczek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Pete Djupe, Ben Garcia, Michael Hoinowski, Jim Dellies, John Kolbas and Robert Byczek.

Also present: City Manager Rachel Andreski and City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas.

Public attendance: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Dellies moved with support from Hoinowski to approve the May 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

APPROVE MINUTES

Dellies moved with support from Hoinowski to approve the May 9, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda. All were in favor; Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

- Andreski said she met with Tousignant to make the updates to the Zoning Map. Tousignant has been working with John Lacoangeli.
- 5th Avenue Storm Water project – FA Industry has completed the project and is about finished with the Apple Blossom parking lot.
- 2024 Street Improvements Project – Richardson stated that the Street Improvements Project came in under budget. He noted that Iris Street still needs to be completed but we need a PASER study. Richardson is certified to conduct a Paser study, and it would cost approximately \$1,500.
- Apple Blossom Trail Boardwalk Project – WICKWIRE finalized the design and now, just waiting on the funding, which could come from Section 19. Section 19 will issue a \$250,000 reimbursement for the project.
- MDNR Conversion Issue – We are currently waiting for a Yellow Book Reviewer and Appraiser to come out and look at the proposed parcel. If the property is assessed as an equal parcel, it would satisfy the conversion issue.

Garcia moved with support from Hoinowski to approve the Managers Report. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent – 2: Wester and Dellies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- Byzek submitted his own report on street conditions. He stated there are many roads that need to be repaired. Andreski noted that some of the roads listed in Byzek's plan are not City owned but are township roads. Garcia noted that the improvements to the roads are going well and noted that some roads were put off due to unexpected projects in the Homer location due to the flooding.
- Garcia stated that it would be nice to have some bike paths, perhaps one by Super One. He suggested speaking with Casagrande (owner of property near Super One). Byzek suggested bringing it up to the Parks and Recreation Committee and asking for them to sponsor it.
- Andreski discussed the Reporter Building noting that WICKWIRE is finishing the drawings and plans and then will send it out to bids. Garcia noted that in the new building, the Police Department will have better reception for their radios.
- Andreski stated that there is a possible buyer of the City Hall Building. The possible buyer is looking to turn the building into blue collar apartments, which is a huge need within our community.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Hoinowski nominated Kolbas as Vice Chair with the support from Garcia.

All in favor; Motion carried.

Byzek motioned with the support of Garcia to have City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas as recording secretary. All in favor; Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.


COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Garcia stated that he was approached by a citizen stating that parking on Stambaugh Ave is dangerous and should not be allowed. He suggested utilizing only one side of the road for parking because that road is extremely narrow. Djube said that there is no enforcement on parking violations.

Garcia noted that the City lacks signage. Byzek suggested mobile signs at the entrance of town. All agreed that signage is needed and encouraged Andreski to keep working on the Wayside Plans.

ADJOURNMENT

Garcia moved with support from Djupe to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. All were in favor; Motion carried.



Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk