

**IRON RIVER CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Grant Application
Nelson Field Playground Equipment
Thursday, February 21, 2008
1:50 P.M.
MINUTES**

Mayor Charlotte Soderbloom called the Public Hearing to order at 1:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Iron River City Hall.

Council members present: Edward Marcell, Ray Coates, Thomas Beber, Roger Zanon and Mayor Soderbloom. City Manager John Archocosky and Clerk Kathy Anderson were present.

Citizens in attendance: Craig Richardson and Adam Steinbrecher of STS Consultants, Reporters Allyce Westphal of The Iron County Reporter, Wendy Shimun of WIKB and County Commissioner Rosalie King.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment and or input on the proposed grant application to the DNR for playground equipment and improvements at Nelson Field. With a \$60,000 minimum, it can be matched with cash, in-kind services, and donations.

Adam Steinbrecher of STS Consultants stated the City will put forth a fifty percent (50%) local match of \$30,000 of which \$5,000 will be in-kind services from the City of Iron River and \$25,000 will be donated cash from the West Iron County Booster Club/Friends of Nelson Field, contingent upon the grant being awarded to the City. Improvements will include barrier free accessible walkway, playground equipment and surfacing. The application will be submitted by months end. It is anticipated improvements will take place in 2009.

Soderbloom commended the Booster Club for their past accomplishments, noting the City appreciates their efforts.

County Commissioner King stated Nelson Field is one of the nicest in the U.P and the grant proposal is great.

As no other public comment was forthcoming, Soderbloom closed the hearing at 1:59 p.m.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk