

CITY OF IRON RIVER
PUBLIC HEARING
Use of City Parks and Facilities Ordinance
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
1:55 P.M.
Minutes

Mayor Roger Zanon called the Public Hearing to order at 1:55 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Ray Coates, Michael Brozak, Edward Marcell, Thomas King and Zanon.

Absent: None

Also present: Manager John Archocosky, Attorney Mark Tousignant and Clerk Kathy Anderson.

Public in attendance: Craig Richardson, Dennis Powell, Terry Tarsi, Tom Beber and Marian Volek (WIKB/IC Reporter), and Ben Smith (Iron County Doings).

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING: To receive public comment on a proposed Ordinance that will regulate the use of all City parks and facilities in the City of Iron River.

This Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2010, and published May 12, 2010, in the Iron County Reporter and will regulate the use of all City parks and facilities, as far as rules related to refuse, glass, vending/soliciting, fires, motor vehicles, noise, dogs and alcoholic beverages.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Smith stated it is reprehensible to charge City residents to use public parks and suggested a deposit be required to ensure proper care is taken of the facility. Charging non-resident fees would be acceptable.

Terry Tarsi stated Ordinances are good only if they are enforced. He lives near Bachman and Nanaimo Park and sees violations on a daily basis, and Ice Lake Park has turned into a hangout for displaced persons. City personnel need to show their presence at these locations. When the police are called to Ice Lake Park, the problems start up again after they leave.

Zanon noted the monthly reports suggest the Police Department could make more passes at these locations. Archocosky noted that security equipment will be installed and the Police Department will be able to monitor these locations more closely and on a regular basis.

There being no further comment, King moved to close the Public Hearing at 2:04 p.m. Brozak seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy L. Anderson, City Clerk, CMC