

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
10 AM
Minutes**

Chairman Craig Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Keith Hamel, Dan Hinch, Phyllis Mangone, Terry Tarsi and Richardson.

Absent: Rick Sheltrow and Tyler Upperstrom.

Also present: City Manager David Thayer and City Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Hinch moved, with support from Tarsi, to approve the Agenda with the following addition: 8. New Business: B. MSHDA Neighborhood Public Amenity Program Grant Resolution; Motion carried. Absent: Sheltrow and Upperstrom.

APPROVE MINUTES

Tarsi moved, with support from Hamel, to approve the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Sheltrow and Upperstrom.

REPORTS

Manager's Report: Thayer announced he is in the process of recruiting three to four summer employees to perform maintenance to City Parks. An advertisement was in the Iron County Reporter this week, City website and Facebook page. Tarsi requested a supervisor or someone in charge to perform orientation for these employees on how to use the equipment and the proper way to perform duties. Thayer stated he will look into it.

Thayer added the DDA is in the process of purchasing banners to be installed in the business district on Genesee Street and Washington Avenue. Two different styles have been designed. Also on Genesee Street, the rain gardens will be rebuilt. Mangone moved, Hinch seconded, to approve the City Manager's Report. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Sheltrow and Upperstrom.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recreation Plan:

Mark-up 2011-2016 Community Recreation Plan (add/amend):

Thayer suggested starting at Recreation Inventory located on Page 8. Thayer has the list Richardson compiled after the park tour last October, which will be incorporated on Page 10, List of Assets. He reminded the group this inventory may not necessarily be owned by the City, but that they offer recreational opportunities. Thayer added we should focus on what we do have control of, what would we like to see done. Tarsi asked what the budget is, and Richardson stated this is a wish list.

Tarsi requested the option of selling some of these smaller parks previously discussed and if any work has been done to do this. Thayer stated sat the Mattioli Park, some of the adjoining property is privately owned and maybe they would be interested in purchasing.

Tarsi would like to know, as a committee, how much they can spend. Thayer is currently working on the budget, which is due to Council May 1st. Tarsi stated budgeted funds will be expiring June 30th, if not spent. Thayer stated projects will be done at Ice Lake and Nanaimo Parks this fiscal year, so budgeted funds will be expended.

Hamel questioned why we aren't opening up the river frontage by the bridge on US-2. Thayer stated there was some apprehension as various groups were concerned about trout habitat. Richardson stated water trails are the new up and coming hot projects.

Thayer has taken notes based on today's discussion and incorporate them into a draft document for the planner.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Planner Proposal for Community Recreation Plan: Thayer conducted verbal interviews from various firms to provide professional services to rewrite the community recreation plan. He requested a written proposal from OHM in the amount of \$6,500. Richardson added that in order to apply for MDNR Grants, a state approved plan must be on hand.

Hamel moved, Mangone supported, so submit OHM's proposal to City Council for their approval. Roll Call: Ayes-4: Hinch, Mangone, Hamel and Tarsi. Nays - 0. Abstain - 1: Richardson. Absent - 2: Sheltrou and Upperstrom. Motion carried.

Hamel asked if GEI was asked to provide a proposal and Richardson stated he was abstaining from the discussion. Thayer stated that he had a bidder's list and he conducted interviews therefrom.

MSHDA Neighborhood Public Amenity Program Grant Resolution: Thayer stated a new grant opportunity was just released with a maximum of a \$40,000. Thayer would like to use the funds to purchase three swing sets, three slides and one merry-go-round. Thayer's plan is to install the new equipment at the following locations: Forbes: swing set and slide, Ice Lake: swing set and slide, and Nanaimo Park: swing set, slide and merry-go-round. Providing a match, potentially up to \$20,000 would help secure the grant.

Thayer is in the process of receiving a quote for the equipment, shipping, installation and approved material for soft landing pad. April 23, 2019 is the deadline.

Tarsi moved to adopt the MSHDA Neighborhood Public Amenity Program Grant Resolution. Hamel seconded. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Sheltrou and Upperstrom.

PUBLIC COMMENT

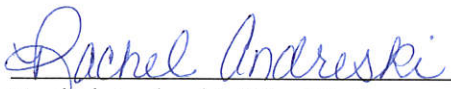
None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Hamel stated more work needs to be done to expose the Iron River. Tarsi stated they've been trying.

ADJOURNMENT

Tarsi moved to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. Hamel seconded. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Sheltrow and Upperstrom.



Rachel Andreski, City Clerk