

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 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, Rick Sheltrow (10:05 a.m.) and Richardson.
Absent: Terry Tarsi.

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

Public in attendance:
Dennis Powell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Hamel moved, with support from Hinch, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Absent: Tarsi.

APPROVE MINUTES

Mangone moved, with support from Hamel, to approve the September 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Tarsi.

REPORTS

Manager's Report: Thayer reported representatives from the Menominee Range Gliders are pouring the cement tee pads today and the welcome sign is under construction for The Tailings Disc Golf Course. He added the parking lot property is owned by the Upper Peninsula Resources Authority (WE Energies). Thayer will contact them to possibly lease the property so improvements can be made.

Thayer said the DPW is in the process of closing the parks for the season. He was unable to procure a contractor for the pavilion roof at Nanaimo Park this year but will have it scheduled for first thing in the spring.

Thayer provided financials for the Community Recreation Fund prior to the meeting. He reported at the close of the fiscal year, approximately \$33,000 was earmarked for projects that didn't come to fruition, so they lapsed back to the fund balance. Thayer will request Council to appropriate funding for special projects. He then asked what projects the Committee would like to undertake. He added the pavilion roof at Nanaimo Park and paint the bathhouse and provide water and electrical upgrades at Ice Lake Park are a priority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Recreation Plan: Included in the agenda packet was a draft copy of the Community Recreation Plan. Thayer made some minor corrections, which have already been incorporated. He added before Council adoption, any major amendments will need to be implemented.

After the Committee made some recommendations and corrections, Hamel moved, Mangone seconded, to approve the draft Parks and Recreation Plan as discussed for the 30-day public review period. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Tarsi.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Improvements Projects for FY20: As previously discussed in his Manager's Report, Thayer is requesting the group prioritize projects that can be started next spring. With money that lapsed from last fiscal year and new money budgeted this fiscal year, Nanaimo Park roof and Ice Lake bathhouse and electrical and water improvements could be considered. Richardson would like to see improvements to what we already have that is being used, such as tennis courts, basketball courts and playground safety. The group agreed and will add tennis courts and basketball court improvements to Bachman Park. Richardson said we should minimize our risk and allocate funding yearly for playground equipment safety. Thayer will also add this item to the plan.

Thayer said this is just a plan, so no action is required at this time. Thayer is meeting with a Community Assistant Team (MEDC) representative next Thursday. New funding opportunities are available that we may be eligible for. MSHDA is on their second round of funding and Thayer will also perform research to see if we would qualify.

PUBLIC COMMENT


None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Richardson said he is pleased the Committee is getting things accomplished.

ADJOURNMENT

Hinch moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Mangone seconded. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Tarsi.



Rachel Andreski, City Clerk