

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020  
10 AM  
Minutes**

Chairman Craig Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Keith Hamel, Dan Hinch, Phyllis Mangone (10:03 a.m.), Terry Tarsi, McKenna Kegley and Richardson.

Absent: Jeff Andreski.

Also, present: Interim City Manager Rachel Andreski and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in attendance: Dennis Powell.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Powell asked the Committee, in reference to the Recreation Plan Update, to keep an eye on Forbes Park.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Tarsi moved, with support from Hamel, to approve the Agenda as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: J. Andreski.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Tarsi moved, with support from Hinch, to approve the September 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: J. Andreski

**REPORTS**

**Interim Manager's Report:**

Andreski stated the DPW was finally able to get to Ice Lake Park and remove all the maples trees around the bathhouse. They will need to go back to grind the stumps left from the tree cutting.

Andreski said Hinch had shared some interesting pictures of Trail 16 and the damage created by the recent rainstorm. Hinch said Ponchaud Contracting, on behalf of the Chippewa Sno-Kats, had just recently repaired the trail from previous storms and that evening the current storm had gone through and washed out those repairs. Richardson added he would be working on an estimate to possibly get that section paved to prevent any further damages. He said MDNR will not pay for paving, only gravel repairs but he is confident he could find contractors to pave that section.

Andreski said the electrical panel upgrade at Nelson Field is complete. The City has paid the invoice amount of \$8,260, and in turn, will charge the school for the repairs. The money will come out of the mutual holding account from gate sales. Currently, \$22,150 is in that account. Andreski also stated the bathrooms at Nelson Field will be open during the football games and the school is responsible for the upkeep during those times. All other City parks will remain closed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Nanaimo Park and Well House #2 Roof Projects:**

Richardson explained because there were no bids received for the project, he contacted West Iron County Schools and their Building Trades Class accepted to do the work. He said the work is done and the City saved approximately \$20,000 by not having a contractor do the work. Andreski said the final figures for materials has not been determined but agreed with Richardson on the savings. Tarsi agreed it was money well spent because of the condition of the building and the work needed to be done. Richardson said he gave the teacher a different option for the Wellhouse #2 roof so his class would be able to perform the work and complete that project. He also said they hoped to start and finish the project in the spring.

### **Recreation Plan Update:**

Andreski stated the Recreation Plan has been on hold due to OHM. Richardson stated until the conversion issue is resolved, there is no urgency to have the plan submitted.

Richardson asked the Commission if they wanted to pursue a design for Forbes Park. Tarsi stated the Park was in the Plan being merged with James and Homer Parks, becoming the Mineral Hills Community Park. Richardson stated he would recruit help from a Penchura (playground equipment) representative that exclusively plans these types of recreation areas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Hamel asked how a donation could be sent to the WIC Building Trades Class for appreciation of a job well done on the Nanaimo Park Pavilion Roof. Richardson stated that the school could not accept any donation for the job. Tarsi suggested giving a plaque and Andreski said she would be sending a "thank you" letter.

Richardson asked all members to look over the Recreation Plan and bring their ideas to what they would like to see for the next year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Tarsi moved with support from Hamel to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: J. Andreski.

  
Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer