

**CITY OF IRON RIVER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
10 AM  
Minutes**

Chairman Craig Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Keith Hamel, Dan Hinch, Terry Tarsi, McKenna Kegley, and Richardson.

Absent: Phyllis Mangone and Randy Clements.

Also present: City Manager/Clerk Rachel Andreski and Deputy Treasurer Bernadette Coates.

Public in attendance: Dennis Powell.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Tarsi moved, with support from Hinch, to approve the Agenda as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Mangone and Clements.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Tarsi moved, with support from Hamel, to approve the October 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Mangone and Clements.

**REPORTS**

**Manager's Report:**

Andreski said Phase II of the Nanaimo Park Drainage System Improvements Project is underway. One run has been completed and the other is half done. She said due to the volleyball court being in a wetlands area, drain tile was not able to be installed because of cattails. She said the main purpose for the project was to dry up the area around the well house and that has been accomplished.

Andreski informed the Committee about the beaver problem on North Washington Avenue behind Angeli Foods. She said she has been working with the local DNR Conservation Officer and Jim Carron of EGLE to irradiate the beaver. A resident has been trapping the beaver and to date he has captured four beaver, one weighing in at over 70 pounds, the others 40 to 45 pounds. Once the beaver population is under control, a plan will be put in place to remove the dams, either by removing debris by hand, with heavy equipment or blasting them.

Andreski said she has heard a private individual made an offer to purchase the Armory and the offer had been accepted. The new owner would be opening the venue for public use. Tarsi asked what the property is zoned for and Andreski said at present, the property is zoned Governmental.

Andreski said she spoke with Jen Tucker (MEDC) and the Pocket Park funding is still on hold. Andreski was told a new competitive funding process would be released soon, and if the City wanted to apply for that funding, the same process would need to be repeated. Andreski said she asked Tucker if funding would ever be released, and she was told the money is still there, just on hold.

Tarsi moved with support from Hamel to accept the Manager's Report as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Mangone and Clements.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Well House #2 Roof Project:**

Andreski said she spoke with Jeff Swenski (WIC Building Trades) about the Well House #2 Roof. He informed her they started on a project over the winter and the project would carry them through to the end of the school year so they would not be able to do the roof project for the City. Andreski said she would be discussing the project with Randy Clements (IRDPW) about the possibility of the City crew doing the job.

### **Recreation Plan Update:**

Andreski said she also spoke with Vanessa Warren of OHM for the City's Recreation Plan. She said she had been working with Warren on some outstanding items created by the previous City Manager. She will be completing a self-certification form and will submit it to the MDNR through their portal. Tarsi stated he would like to see improvements done to Bachman Park's tennis and basketball courts and lighting. He would like to see GEI give an estimate as to what those improvements would cost. Kegley stated kids would use the basketball courts more if they were repaved. Hamel said he also noticed the light poles were not in good condition. Richardson said he would complete an estimate.

Richardson said he would also be contacting Doug with Penchura for discussions of playground equipment for the combined park in Forbes.

Tarsi said he had contacted Chris Hatten with Representative Markkanen's office about the Ice Lake conversion issue. Tarsi said he returned calls with no response and would like the next call to come from City offices.

### **Improvement Projects FY21:**

FY21 Improvement Projects were discussed previously under Recreation Plan Update.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chairperson:**

Tarsi nominated Richardson and Mangone to continue as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Kegley, Hinch, Tarsi, Hamel, and Richardson. Nays - 0: Absent: Mangone and Clements.

### **Set CY21 Meeting Dates:**

Richardson moved, with support from Hinch to hold Committee meetings on April 14, June 9, August 11, and October 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Mangone and Clements.

### **Improvement Projects FY20:**

FY21 Improvements were discussed previously under Recreation Plan Update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tarsi moved with support from Hinch to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Mangone and Clements.

  
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Bernadette Coates, Deputy Treasurer