

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
10 AM
Minutes**

Vice Chairperson Phyllis Mangone called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., in the Council Chambers of Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: McKenna Kegley, Randy Clements, Dan Hinch, Keith Hamel and Mangone.

Absent: Terry Tarsi and Craig Richardson.

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

Public in attendance: Mayor Dennis Powell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Powell said he would like to see money spent on resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts at Bachman Park instead of purchasing new playground equipment for Forbes Park. He said in the meantime, put the Forbes project on hold and just maintain it for now.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Clements moved, with support from Hamel to approve the April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Tarsi and Richardson.

REPORTS

Manager's Report:

Andreski informed the Committee that the DPW has been busy trying to complete the street sweeping and said they have already started mowing grass. She said they did an excellent job getting Nelson Field ready for graduation and the Iron River Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Conversion Issue

Andreski said she has no update on the conversion issue. Her and Richardson have been trying to set a meeting date with the new representative.

Recreation Plan Update

Andreski said she spoke with Vanessa Warren of OHM about the City's Recreation plan. Warren said the State may have an issue with the public hearings. Andreski said not only did the Parks and Recreation Committee hold public meetings for the new plan, but City Council also held them. Andreski said she would be providing the minutes and advertisements from the Iron County Reporter.

Andreski said both she and Jon Ahlberg had reached out to WE Energies representative, Julie, and she had suggested speaking to Robert Bokowski. Andreski said he would review the information already submitted and would get back to her.

Andreski said now that the Iron River has receded, it seems there are only about two sections of the Apple Blossom Trail boardwalk that need to be replaced. She said her fears are, if the boardwalk is removed and re-routed, EGLE may not allow it to be replaced later. She said she wants to preserve and do what the City is able to do to keep the boardwalk there. She said she would go with Richardson to further inspect the issue.

Andreski said the Tailings Disc Golf Course is having a big tournament on June 19th. She said the DPW lent a hand with grass cutting and graded the road to the WE Energies property. She said the DDA had a discussion as to who is responsible for the course, and she would keep researching it. Clements said the road would need to be touched up after the recent rains.

Andreski said on May 28th, all the park's restrooms had been opened to the public. There was a leak at Bachman Park and after investigation, it was found not to be a leak and the water was now on.

Andreski said the Father's Day Car/Tractor Show on June 20th, has been moved to Genesee Street from the Iron County Fairgrounds. She said the DDA has funded music for the event.

Andreski said the Iron County Dog Association has reached out and wants to get moving on the dog park. She said they obtained previous approval to use City property along Riverside Street. She said they are funding the project themselves and have already started cleaning up the area. Andreski said they would be attending the Planning Commission meeting the next day.

Clements moved with support from Hinch to accept the City Manager's Report. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Tarsi and Richardson.

OLD BUSINESS

Improvement Projects FY20:

Andreski said there was no update for the Bachman Park Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacings and Lighting. She reported that Richardson has been busy but will be speaking to Payne and Dolan for more information and estimates.

Nanaimo Park Restroom Partitions:

Andreski said she met with Richardson and bid information would be published next week in the Reporter and Builders Exchanges. She said Well House #2 would be added to the bid because it is much worse shape than what was originally thought. The job would be too big for the DPW to complete.

Forbes Location Park (Playground Equipment):

Andreski said this item was left on the agenda because at the previous meeting the item was tabled. Hinch suggested contacting Rich Sinclair of Game Time, whom the Wykon Booster Club worked with for their playground equipment. He said they offer matching grants which allows the possibility of spending twice as much for equipment. He also said the application is very easy to complete. Hamel suggested using some of the stimulus funds for Forbes because there are 50 to 100 kids in that area that would use the playground. Andreski said at this time, information from

the stimulus money is that it needs to be used for infrastructure (water, sewer) only. She also said the City has not received any of those funds yet.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2021-22 Budget:

Andreski said she included in this meeting's information, Council's approval of \$35,780 which was the amount of a previous estimate for new playground equipment. Hinch said he would contact Sinclair and speak to him about the approved amount and see what he suggested. Andreski also included a Revenue and Expenditure Report through June 2nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hinch moved with support from Hamel to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent: Tarsi and Richardson.



Bernadette Coates, Clerk