

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday January 12, 2022
10:30 AM
Minutes**

Chairperson Craig Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Dan Hinch, Keith Hamel, Nick Karnack, Phyllis Mangone (10:31) and Richardson.

Absent: Ava Richardson.

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

Public in attendance: Dennis Powell and Ronjo Leonoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Hinch moved, with support from Karnack to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor; Motion carried. Absent – A. Richardson.

APPROVE MINUTES

Karnack moved, with support from Hinch, to approve the October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and November 14, 2021 Workshop Minutes as presented. All were in favor; Motion carried. Absent – A. Richardson

MANAGER'S REPORT –

Conversion Issue:

Andreski said Tousignant is working on the conversion issue free of charge because she is assisting doing research. She will involve Richardson when needed. She said Tousignant may have found the problem, but he is away for the winter months and is only working as needed.

Recreation Plan Update:

Will be discussed under Old Business.

WE Energies Property/Disc Golf Course Parking Lot:

Andreski said another map with more detail such as where the driveway and proposed parking lot would be and where power poles are, had to be sent to WE Energies per their request. She is awaiting their response.

Committee Vacancy:

Andreski read a resignation letter from Committee Member Terry Tarsi. He said it had been a good run, lately a slow walk, but very productive. Moving forward, she said Council would like to see more advertising for vacancies. The City will advertise by placing notices on Facebook and the City web page along with PSA's on radio and in the newspaper. Person's whose terms are ending are welcomed to re-apply.

Andreski said she received a request from the Iron River Trail Club. She said Council agreed to let the group groom one half of the Apple Blossom Trail for x-country skiing, fat tire biking and snowshoeing. The other half would be plowed by the DPW for the walkers. The Clubs new request is to groom through the Tailings Disc Golf Course. Because the Apple Blossom Trail and the Disc Golf Course fall under this Committee, she said there needs to be a policy for these requests and they need to approach the Parks and Recreation Committee for such.

Andreski said the DDA has been working on a County wide signage program such as the Way Finding Sign System. She said the signs would promote the downtown areas and other areas of interest such as the Tailings Disc Golf, the Iron County Fairgrounds and Bachman Park, etc. The ICECA will help fund the project. She said they are still working with MDOT and UPPCO because both companies' regulations are tight as to where signs can be placed and the size of those signs that will be placed along the State highway corridors. At this time, it is undetermined what will happen if MDOT and UPPCO say "no".

OLD BUSINESS -

Improvement Projects FY20:

Nanaimo Park Restroom Partitions:

Richardson said the Nanaimo Park restroom partitions is under contract with Stik Bilt Construction. He said he would get an update from Mark Johnson, owner.

Bachman Park Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing and Park Lighting:

Richardson said Bachman Park Tennis/Basketball Court Resurfacing and Park Lighting would need to wait until Spring. He said his intent was to contact Fahrner Asphalt to discuss re-surfacing and striping options rather than re-paving all the courts. He said there would need to be an evaluation of the lighting to see if it is worth the investment of updating.

Forbes Location Park (Playground Equipment:

Richardson said he had gotten a couple of proposals for playground equipment from Penchura and they range from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Hinch added he would check with GameTime Equipment to see if they were still charging surcharges on orders. Richardson also said any other proposal would need to be updated due to the lapse in time from when they were originally received.

Recreation Plan – Public Survey:

Richardson said depending on how the survey goes, it could help with prioritizing some of the above-mentioned items. He said he considered a similar format to the County's survey that was recently distributed. He said focus would be on existing parks and open-ended questions such as "what else would you like to see". Demographics of the ones completing the survey and leaving room for comments are important. Hard copies of the survey would be available so all can participate.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairperson:

Karnack nominated Richardson as Chair. Hinch supported the nomination.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Hamel, Mangone, Hinch, Karnack, and Richardson. Nays - 0: Absent: A. Richardson.

Hamel nominated Hinch as Vice Chair. Karnack supported the nomination.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Mangone, Hinch, Karnack, Hamel, and Richardson. Nays - 0: Absent: A. Richardson.

Set CY22 Meeting Dates:

Richardson said because of the conversion issue, he didn't see a need to meet every month. Meetings were agreed upon by all for every other second Wednesday of the months of March, May, July, September and November, 2022 at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Andreski said there would be a Beautification Committee Meeting on January 26th at 4 p.m. at Rick Kinsey's office and that Council would be having a Goals and Priorities Meeting on February 9th at 5:30 p.m. if anyone would be interested in attending. Written comments are also being accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

Karnack moved with support from Hinch to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. All were in favor. Motion carried. Absent – A. Richardson.



Bernadette Coates, Clerk