

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Mike Tonkin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Tonkin, Council Members Claudia Demarest, Joseph Juidici, Justin Koski, and Mike Tall (5). Also present were City Manager Mark Slown and City Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISC GOLF COURSE AT AL QUAAL RECREATION AREA

Mr. Slown advised a public hearing was needed for submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant and a Recreation Passport Grant for the development of a disc golf course at the Al Quaal Recreation Area.

Mayor Tonkin opened the public hearing at 10:04 a.m.

Stephen Piereson, 603 Mather Street, stated the City Parks and Recreation Commission held several meetings regarding the proposed disc golf course and were in support of the project; he also supported the project and encouraged the City Council to approve submission of the grant and move forward with development of the disc golf course at Al Quaal.

Ed Holmgren, 422 W. Empire Street, concurred with all comments made by Mr. Piereson, and was very much in favor of the development of the course.

Jim Kopacz, President of the U.P. Disc Golf Association, noted the Association had been working to promote and develop disc golf in the area, would like to make the Al Quaal complex better and more appealing to a variety of ages and skill levels so development would include beginner tees to advanced and professional level tees; and it would also include an 18 hole course and a 9 hole practice course that would have ADA accessibility. He advised the Association was in complete support of the development of the disc golf course.

Councilman Tall noted Al Quaal was initially developed for recreation and this would be a great use of the area.

At 10:10 a.m., Mayor Tonkin closed the Public Hearing

RESOLUTION #2016-5 MNRTF GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2016-5 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program resolution of authorization as presented.

RESOLUTION #2016-6 RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilwoman Demarest and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2016-6 Recreation Passport Grant program resolution of authorization as presented.

MSU SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT GRANT- LAKE BANCROFT AREA

Carol Fulsher, from the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, explained this grant would provide services from talented architects and engineers to help with design proposals for the Lake Bancroft area. The grant match was \$7,500; the proposal would be for the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, the DDA, and the City to split the match which would total \$2,500 each. The IOHT was also applying for an ArtPlace grant and if it was awarded, it could be used for the match dollars, and the \$2,500 would be reimbursed to all parties.

A motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Juidici and carried unanimously to approve the grant match of \$2,500 for the MSU Sustainable Built Environments grant for the Lake Bancroft area; and if the ArtPlace grant was awarded, the \$2,500 would be reimbursed to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Councilwoman Demarest supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary