

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Joseph Juidici called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Council Members Justin Koski, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT - There was none.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2014-2018 RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Mayor Juidici opened the public hearing for the 2014-2018 Recreation Plan Amendment at 6:32 p.m. With there being no public comment, Mayor Juidici closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION #2017- 2: RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

Councilman Skauge pointed out two corrections in the Plan amendment: the cost for the Lake Bancroft Area and Trail Amenity Improvement Project should be \$600,000 instead of \$550,000 and the Cliffs Shaft Mining Museum should be listed as a Facility in the Community Parks/Museum Table.

A motion was made Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to approve Resolution #2017-2: Adoption of the 2014-2018 Recreation Plan Amendment incorporating the above corrections.

BMX TRACK/SKATE PARK

George Laakso, 821 N. Main Street, felt a skate board park should be considered as it would be great to have one to use because currently they skate board around town but realize it can cause some damage and that business do not want them to go on their property but there just is no place to go.

There was discussion among the Parks and Recreation Commission Members and Council regarding location and funding sources. Councilman Koski reminded everyone that the Ishpeming Lions Club submitted a letter of intent indicating their willingness to donate their time and energy to make a skate park a reality. Further discussion took place on the liability to the City, using the park as an ice skating rink in the winter, maintenance of the park, the importance of location due to noise, and a BMX park.

Councilman Koski, Councilman Tonkin, and Jon Kangas would be the committee to discuss location and funding sources for a skate park.

Jenifer Broberg felt a skate park would very beneficial to the kids in the community. She felt if the kids could be involved in the creation of the skate park they would also assist with the maintenance and was very happy to see the Council asking the kids opinion.

A motion was made by Councilman Lehmann, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to support the concept of building a skateboard park with funding sources and location to be determined.

DECLARATION AND NOTICE

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Declaration and Notice for the Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail as presented.

EASEMENT FOR COLD STORAGE IN FAVOR OF CLIFF'S NATURAL RESOURCES IN EXCHANGE FOR JASPER STREET BOOSTER STATION EASEMENT

Attorney Hoff explained Cliff's Natural Resources furnished a document that was similar to a license which required yearly payments and Rural Development would not accept that document. Mark Stoor requested Council take action to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute the acceptable easement if received from Cliff's so the project could move forward without delay.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute easement agreements with Cliff's Natural Resources for the Rural Development Water Project for the Jasper Street Booster Station and the Drill Core Storage Buildings when acceptable to Rural Development.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Tonkin and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary