

Proceedings of the Planning Commission Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission Meeting along with a Public Hearing took place on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Development Conference Room, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Chairman Wyssling called the Public Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

2. RECORDING OF THE ROLL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Geib, Lemke, Burchell, Bergman, Johnson, Commissioner Semo, and Chairman Wyssling.

ABSENT: Commissioner Davey (Excused).

3. Chairman Wyssling reviewed the procedure of the Public Hearing with the members present.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Is to hear comments relative to a Site Plan Review Application for the Depot Recreation Park and Trailhead located on N. Lowell Street (Ironwood Depot), Ironwood, Michigan.

City Manager Erickson addressed the Planning Commission noting that the Depot Park Working Group spent numerous hours on developing motorized & non-motorized trails, along with the park layout and design through Depot Park. The Working Group met with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Gogebic Range Trail Authority (GRTA) for their input in the project. He also noted the Michigan Recreational Gateway Trail would start from the Wisconsin border through Ironwood eventually to Wakefield and beyond.

Manager Erickson stated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money would be used to build the pavilion and next year restrooms and the rest of the project would be finished with DNR Funds. Mr. Erickson informed the Planning Commission the City has acquired the Railroad Building in Depot Park that would be torn down. Further explanation of the Site Plan of Depot Park took place.

5. Chairman Wyssling closed the Comment Section of Public Hearing at 5:48 P.M.

6. Discuss and Consider Action on Site Plan Review Application.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Geib to approve the Site Plan Application for the Depot Recreation Park and Trailhead located on N. Lowell Street (Ironwood Depot), Ironwood, Michigan.

7. Chairman Wyssling adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:50 P.M.

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PRESENT: Commissioner Geib, Burchell, Lemke, Bergman, Johnson, Commissioner Semo, and Chairman Wyssling.

ABSENT: Commissioner Davey (Excused).

3. Consider approval of the June 6, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Johnson and carried to approve the June 6, 2012 Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

4. Consider approval of the Agenda for this Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Burchell, seconded by Bergman and carried to amend the agenda to include under

7. *Other Business – Stepping Stones, EPA Clean Up, and Marijuana Ordinance.*

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute limit)

Chris Rhyner addressed the Planning Commission with his concerns regarding the contaminated soil being placed on and near his property. He also urged the City to consider in the future making a nice gateway into Ironwood from the river all the way to Depot Park.

6. Project Updates

Assessor/Building Inspector Dennis Hewitt reviewed with the Planning Commission the current projects. Mr. Hewitt noted Super 1 was moving along and was recently bid out, Ayer Street Phase I & II is on schedule with the Hemlock Street project scheduled to be completed by the end of July, and the clean up of the Gas Plant was moving forward. Further comments were received.

7. Other business

a) Stepping Stones

The Planning Commission reviewed the request from Wesley Methodist Church for a half way house in the City of Ironwood. They all agreed additional information is needed.

b) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Up

City Manager Erickson updated the Planning Commission regarding the ongoing clean up of the old Gas Plant near the Montreal River.

c) Marijuana Ordinance

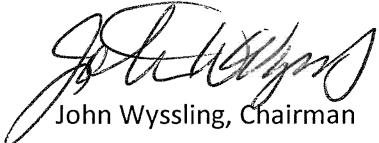
After a brief discussion a sample resolution from the City of Wakefield was presented for review. The Planning Commission requested this matter be placed on the next Regular Agenda and a proposed Ordinance be presented to them for review by e-mail.

Commissioner Bergman requested a Work Session be scheduled with the various boards and commissions and U.P. Engineering to learn about the process of a Master Plan and the importance of it to the City of Ironwood. He suggested a meeting be scheduled for the end of July or beginning of August.

The Planning Commission requested a copy of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) be placed on the next agenda with page numbers.

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Geib, seconded by Bergman and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.


John Wyssling, Chairman


Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk