

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
April 14, 2010

Mayor Hakes called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Kay Costello, Sue Hakes, William Lenz, Tim Kennedy and Jan Sivertson

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor and Chris Hood by telephone

Mayor Hakes invited the public to speak during a period of open forum. Open Forum is limited to one half-hour. No person may speak more than 5 minutes or more than once. No one spoke.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Costello to approve the Agenda; March 31, 2010, Worksession Minutes; March 31, 2010, Minutes with correction to date and more clarification regarding the city's match for the Iron Range Resources Renewable Energy Grant; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Arvis Thompson, Girl Scouts, requested permission to plant a tree on city property in front of the Detrick Building. The tree will be planted in memory of Dean Detrick. The Girl Scouts would like to plant a Russian Olive or a Redbud Tree. Both species have a maximum height of 20 feet, have colorful foliage and berries that attract birds.

Motion by Hakes, seconded by Lenz to grant permission to the Northern Light Girl Scout Troop to plant a tree in front of the Detrick Building in memory of Dean Detrick on city property with city employee supervision. Approved unanimously.

Amy Demmer, Art Colony Director, presented the street and sidewalk permit request for the 20th Annual Art Festival on July 10th and 11th. This permit is for the use of city streets and sidewalks, the Park Board also has a permit process for the use of city parks including Harbor Park. Roth and Hood will discuss whether there is a need for a waiver from participants.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Costello to approve the Art Colony's 20th Annual Art Festival Street and Sidewalk Permit. Approved unanimously.

The Dragon Boat Festival Street and Sidewalk Permit Request was discussed. The street and sidewalk portion of the festival would be for a parade on Friday, July 30th. The rest of the request will need to be handled by the Park Board. The Dragon Boat Festival already has participants sign festival waivers.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Dragon Boat Festival Street and Sidewalk Permit. Approved unanimously.

Tristan Beaster, Cook County Soil and Water, gave an update of the rain garden projects that were done by the library and the credit union. They are now working on prioritizing areas where more rain gardens would be the most beneficial, contacting landowners where rain gardens would seem to work the best,

and hiring landscape designers to survey and design rain gardens. The Clean Water Amendment Act provides funding for these types of projects. It is anticipated that a local match of 25% would be required for projects.

Greg Wright, North House Folk School, presented their annual report. The visitation and revenue resources were down 17% in 2009 from the 2008 numbers. However, the 2010 enrollment is encouraging. North House has launched a new website and students can enroll online and contributions can be made online. The Mill Shop has solar panels that provide 50% of the shop's heat. Future plans for North House include moving and expanding the Blacksmith Shop to the property line with the Park. Pavement will be removed and replaced with permeable brick pavers and a rain garden. They will reformat the entry and upper parking lot. Greg is also requesting that the city ask for an extension request for \$90,000 cooperative grant from the MN Lake Superior Coastal Program.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to request an extension until May 2012 for the \$90,000 Cooperative Grant from the Lake Superior Coastal Program. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Sivertson's Report:

- 1) DEED reinstated Cook County's Grant for rehabilitation of housing projects. We will be able to rehabilitate 10 homes in Cook County, rather than 4 that were planned without this funding.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park Board agreed to host a community garden. Ground breaking will begin in May.
- 2) The Park Board updated the Capital Improvements Plan for the Recreation Area. Projects include: Repave South 8th Avenue W and west toward the sliding hill, upgrade 10-20 campsites to full hookups, plan and design a community connection, add solar hot water to Bathhouse #4, create a Safe Harbor/Marina Concept Plan, plan and design a new Park Office/Bathhouse building.
- 3) May 1st is the official park opening.
- 4) The bubblers for the marina docks worked well this winter.

Mayor Hakes' Report:

- 1) The DNR is struggling with the Joint Powers Agreement. They need a better understanding of where a new office may be located and will need another physical look of the area. We are not on the top of their priority list. We are hoping for another visit where both the council and park board will be involved.

Councilor Costello's Report:

- 1) Appreciated receiving the Park Board Minutes as part of the council packet. It would be nice to have the minutes from other boards such as the Library and the EDA.
- 2) Bob Fenwick attended the last Library Board meeting and discussed how to proceed with the expansion project. The Library Board is ready to send letters to architect's to see if they are interested in the expansion project.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Lenz to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.