

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
June 27, 2007

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

Members present: Evelyn Larsen, Kay Costello, William Lenz, Edward Bolstad and Tim Kennedy

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Don Davison and Kim Dunsmoor

Mayor Larsen 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 Bolstad, seconded by Kennedy to approve the Agenda with addition of North Shore Management Board, Review of Zoning, Waterskiing, and Fireworks; approve the June 13 Worksession Minutes; approve the June 13, 2007, Minutes with a correction to the Mayor's Report meeting with Army Corp of Engineers is scheduled for July 10, 2007, time to be determined; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Mike Hero and City Attorney, Don Davison, worked on the Encroachment Easement Agreement for the Gaylord Property. The Arrowhead Pharmacy Building encroaches six inches into the street right of way. This easement will allow the building and sign to occupy the area as actually constructed and currently occupied.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Lenz to approve the Encroachment Easement Agreement between the City of Grand Marais and Thomas A. and Patricia A. Gaylord for real estate located at Lot Two(2), Block Eighteen (18), HARBOR ADDITION of the Village (now City) of Grand Marais. Approved unanimously.

Larsen Bros. LLC has purchased the Birch Terrace Supper Club. Larsen Bros. LLC has applied for an On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to approve the Birch Terrace Supper Club / Larsen Bros. LLC Liquor License upon proof of Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Ayes: Kennedy, Bolstad, Lenz, Costello

Abstain: Larsen

Mayor Larsen abstained from the discussion and vote because Larsen Bros. LLC is her family and she has a small interest in the business.

The Economic Development Authority would like to move forward with the Professional Service Agreement Between Cook and Lake Counties and Community Partners

Research, Incorporated to assist with the development and hiring of a housing coordinator position, as well as assisting with ongoing housing issues. The cost would be shared between Lake County 50%, Cook County 25%, and City of Grand Marais 25%. The purpose of creating a position is have a mechanism to attract more affordable housing funding to our area. Cook County has already approved this agreement. The maximum contribution by the City of Grand Marais would be \$3,725.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Costello to approve \$3,725 toward the Professional Service Agreement between Cook and Lake Counties and Community Partners Research, Incorporated. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Bolstad to hire Scott Herrly as a Seasonal Liquor Store Clerk. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Costello, seconded by Bolstad to hire Kaye Tavernier as Park Office Clerk and Elizabeth Kearney as Washroom Custodian. Approved unanimously.

The North Shore Management Board is a ten member Joint Powers Board that contains a representative from all local units of government that exercise zoning authority on the North Shore of Lake Superior. The Board implements the North Shore Management Plan, a document that sets the minimum standards and criteria for the subdivision, use and development of the shore land of Lake Superior. Three priority projects for 2007 are Node Definition for comprehensive plans, North Shore Ridgeline Critical View shed Identification and Assessment, and Wastewater Assessment.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Larsen to approve the \$750 North Shore Management Board membership fee. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Bolstad requested that the Planning Commission review and make recommendations regarding “Big Box” development.

Bev Wolke, Chamber of Commerce, and Jeremy Somnis requested events for the upcoming 4th of July and Fisherman’s Picnic. For the Fourth of July, the Chamber has scheduled a fashion show, treasure hunt, parade, street dance, bonfire and fireworks. The Chamber would also like to have a waterskiing event on the harbor. This event drew a lot of spectators last year over Fisherman’s Picnic.

Motion by Bolstad, seconded by Larsen to allow Waterskiing on the Fourth of July contingent upon proof of insurance and approval by the Sheriff. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the Fireworks for July 4, 2007, and August 4, 2007. Approved unanimously.

Mayor Larsen's Report:

Mayor Larsen Proclaimed July 15, 2007, Lake Superior Day.

Councilor Costello's Report:

The Joint Powers Recreation Board is trying to figure their charge and role. One issue of the basketball court at the Community Center becoming the Skateboard Park reminded the public that there is a basketball court in the Recreation Park that has not been used very much.

Councilor Bolstad's Report:

The Public Utilities Electric Department had a couple short outages and one planned outage was canceled due to a bad wire. The water department continues to work on replacing fire hydrants.

City Administrator Roth's Report:

- 1) Met with Soil and Water and the US Army Corp of Engineers on June 19 to discuss the alleged wetland fill near the Grand Marais Public Works Buildings. It was determined that there was a maximum fill of 678 feet. Soil and Water has recommended removing the material, re-shape bank, seed disturbed areas, and mulch with erosion control blankets to be completed by July 30, 2007.
- 2) Would like to invite Sheriff Falk to the July 25, 2007, meeting. The cost of a speed trailer is \$10,000.
- 3) Council will invite MNDOT to a council meeting to discuss pedestrian crossing on Highway 61.
- 4) The Public Utilities is reviewing Old Power Plant demolition quotes. The demolition should happen this year.
- 5) The Wenonah will be operating in the Grand Marais Harbor. They have made an arrangement for private dockage.
- 6) Will be working on Orderly Annexations with the County for Creechville, Blackwell Addition, Old Shore Road, area on Highway 61 surrounded by the city, and city property north of the Blackwell Addition

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.