

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
June 8, 2011

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

Members present: Larry Carlson, Bob Spry, Tim Kennedy, Jan Sivertson and Bill Lenz

Members absent: None

Staff present: Kim Dunsmoor, Linda Chappell and Chris Hood by telephone

Mayor Carlson 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 Spry, seconded by Lenz to approve the Agenda with additions Fireworks Permit, American Legion Bingo Permit, and the Library Facilities Use Agreement; May 25, 2011, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Steve Schug, USFS, gave an update about the Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts visit June 18-27. There will be about 200 boy scouts and leaders who will build single track mountain bike trails. Because the number of people will be less than originally anticipated, the number of trails will also be reduced. The Conservation Corp of MN will work on trails throughout the summer. The group will use the Cook County Schools facilities and camp on the ballfield. The Mayor will welcome the scouts and be available for the closing ceremony.

Greg Wright, North House Folk School, gave an overview of recent improvements and planned improvements. The plans include removing the lower parking area and expanding the upper parking area. Trees and shrubs will be added for greenery. There will be a walkway from the park onto campus, terrace seat walls, pervious pavers and timber frame front entrances. North House Folk School will begin talking with contractors after the Wooden Boat Show with construction to begin October 1 – November 30. The council expressed their support of the project, but tabled the matter until the June 29th meeting.

Linda Chappell, Library Director, updated the council on the library project and asked for approval of the Facilities Use Agreement with I.S.D. #166 for space to house and store library resources while the library expansion is under construction. The Agreement would begin June 15th and be on a month to month basis. The library will pay \$2,454 per month for the space including janitor and utility services. The School Board approved the agreement on June 6th and the Library Board approved the agreement on June 7th. The library will closed June 12-18 while they are in the process of packing and moving. Construction will begin early next week. The Library Board will pay for the rent from the 215 Fund and normal operating costs from the 211 Fund. Updates will be available on the library website and on the county's website.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the ISD 166 and Grand Marais Public Library Facilities Use Agreement. Approved unanimously.

Bob Spry presented the Application/Permit for display of Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Special Effects for the 4th of July and Fisherman's Picnic Fireworks Displays.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the Application/Permit for display of Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Special Effects subject to appropriate insurance. Approved unanimously.

The Son's of the American Legion Post 413 have submitted an Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo during Fisherman's Picnic August 4 – 7, 2011.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Lenz to approve the Son's of the American Legion Post 413 Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo. Approved unanimously.

Councilor Lenz' Report:

- 1) The Park received the Bike Rack Grant and the money must be spent by the end of the month. Look for the bike racks that will be placed around town.
- 2) The North Shore Music Association expressed an interest in scheduling musicians wishing to play music in the park. They would like to have one permit for the North Shore Music Association.
- 3) Three possible designs for the Community Connection were presented. We do not know how much storm water mitigation will need to take place, so the designs could change significantly. The public can view the designs on the park's website www.grandmaraisrecreationarea.com.
- 4) The Outdoor Classroom program was offered to the Park Board, but they turned it down on a 2-4 vote. There are other entities that are interested in the program.
- 5) The Arrowhead Animal Rescue should have all their paperwork approved soon and they would like to have the same type of agreement as the previous group had.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) Attended the Community Connection meeting. There was a lot of good information and the design was appealing and inviting. There is no current budget for construction and maintenance so we need to make sure the design doesn't become too costly.
- 2) The Superior Cycling Association of which Kennedy is a board member will give a workshop on the benefits of cycling, construction techniques and economic value of mountain biking trails on June 16. The national crew putting on the workshop will be here while the Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts are here. The Superior Cycling Association raised a significant amount of grant funding to build the trails.

Motion by Spry, seconded by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.