

CITY OF GRAND MARAIS
MINUTES
June 11, 2014

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

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Mike Roth, Kim Dunsmoor and Chris Hood

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; May 28, 2014, Minutes; and Payment of Bills. Approved unanimously.

Jay Arrowsmith DeCoux presented his proposal for a “Little Free Library” to be placed in Harbor Park that was reviewed by the Park Board at their June 1st meeting. The Park Board referred the proposal to the City Council. The Little Free Library Project was made possible with a grant from the Great Place Race by Moving Matters Cook County. Additional Little Free Libraries will be in Grand Portage, Lutsen/Tofte, and by WTIP’s Community Garden. Each library will be 2 feet wide by 3 ½ feet tall by 1½ feet deep and will be registered at www.littlefreelibrary.org. The libraries will be maintained by Jay Arrowsmith DeCoux and books supplied by the Library Friends with zero cost to the city. The Park Board would like to see the design before it is built.

Motion by Lenz, seconded by Kennedy to approve the installation of a Little Free Library in Harbor Park contingent upon approval of the design and location by the Park Board. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Lenz to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2014-03 An Ordinance of the City of Grand Marais, Minnesota, Amending City Code Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages. Approved unanimously.

The City of Grand Marais received Commendation from Green Step Cities for achieving Step 1.

Councilor Lenz’ Report:

- 1) The Gunflint Hills Golf Course opened May 26th and is in good shape.
- 2) Park reservations are up 2%.
- 3) The new tent was up over the weekend for the Car Show. It will need permanent tie downs in Harbor Park because the ground was too soft to hold the stakes for the tent. The Park is working on permanent tie down footings.

Councilor Spry's Report:

- 1) Superior National Golf Course is open, but construction on the course is a little behind due to the weather.
- 2) EDA is in the process of selling a lot in Cedar Grove Business Park.

Councilor Sivertson's Report:

- 1) The Library Board had its first meeting with the new Library Director.
- 2) The Little Free Libraries are very popular in a lot of areas.
- 3) Would like to start a public art review process. The council will schedule a worksession prior to a future regularly scheduled meeting.

Councilor Kennedy's Report:

- 1) He is representing a client who wishes to buy one or two lots in the Business Park for his towing business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Mayor, Laurence Carlson

ATTEST:

City Administrator, Michael J. Roth