

CITY OF REED CITY
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION
April 1, 2019

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

Present: Nate Bailey, Marlene Fatum, Trevor Guiles, Ron Howell, Randy Laramore, Dawn Montague and Russell Nehmer arrived at 7:03 P.M. There are two vacant positions on the Planning Commission. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. There were two citizens in the audience.

Add/Deletions Addition to New Business: Item b) MSHDA Grant and addition under Old Business: Item c) Skating rink, kayak launch and Veteran's Park.

Agenda Motion by Bailey, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to approve the Agenda as amended. Affirmed by voice vote.

Minutes Motion by Guiles, seconded by Fatum, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Trail Town Richard Karns, of the Historical Society, suggested promoting Reed City as an all season tourism place emphasizing on the Covered Bridge, the Little Mack and Churches. He also thought the addition of annual events such as a model airplane competition, a dulcimer event and even a Rod & Gun Club competition would help bring people to Reed City. There was discussion of placing historical markers in areas around town and to contact Dan Barber for some old pictures that might be utilized. These historical markers could be on the interactive map and could also be used with a variation of Geocaching as they would have a QR symbol. Ron Howell reported back on his contact with the White Pine Trail 200 Mile Relay group and provided a copy of their event schedule. Nate had contacted Spectrum Health and they utilize the trails for four events and may be adding a Kids Dash this year. They had no additions or needs for their events and will be sending Nate some pictures of prior events. Russell contacted the Pere Marquette & White Pine Trail Clubs. They handle all of the signage along the trails and offered if we want something done to contact them. They suggested a portable stage for events in the winter time for snowmobilers. Such as a "Snow Fest". It was also pointed out that Osceola County is not promoted as it does not have a trail map with attractions available to disseminate. Marlene advised not to advertise the trail west of Reed City as it turns to gravel and horses are allowed to use it. She felt there is a need for more camping arrangements and suggested allowing up to four tents on a site at Rambadt Park. Ron will rework the Trail Town application and bring it back to the next meeting.

RRC Redevelopment Ready Communities – Best Practices To Do List was included in the packet to remind the Commissioners there are things that still need to be completed.

Ron reported he is still pursuing with the State of Michigan (MDOT) for the site north of town for the Veteran's Park. Trevor reported he had been contacted regarding developing Disc Golf at Rambadt Park. The cost would be by donations from churches and could bring a tournament to Reed City. Also suggested was a triathlon, not a traditional one with swimming, but maybe substitute canoe or kayak paddling instead of swimming.

New Business

CIP Motion by Fatum, seconded by Bailey, **CARRIED**, to recommend the Capital Improvements Program for the 2019-2020 budget year as submitted by the City Manager to the City Council for approval. Affirmed by voice vote.

MSHDA Motion by Howell, seconded by Nehmer, **CARRIED**, to recommend the City apply for the Rural/Direct Funded Neighborhood Enhancement Grant for \$40,000.00 of which \$20,000 is for housing enhancements, \$10,000 for sidewalk improvements and \$10,000 for the removal of the block building at 213 N. Chestnut. Affirmed by voice vote.

Zoning Administrator's Report

- Ron reported on the nuisance of deer in the City and informed members the discharge of a firearm or bow is not allowed within the City. Ron commented the City is like a safety area for the deer and Law Enforcement says it is a way of life here.
- Ron reported a mapping program, ESRI, has been installed on two computers at City Hall. There are not funds to go outside and have a map developed so once we have gathered all of the information, we should have the ability to develop a map on our own.

Comments There were no public comments.

Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam
Recording Secretary