

**CITY OF REED CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
February 7, 2022**

Chairperson Dawn Montague called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. in Council Chambers, 227 East Lincoln Avenue, Reed City, Michigan.

- Present Trevor Guiles arrived at 6:22 P.M., Karen Lea McKinney, Dawn Montague, Rich Saladin and Sarah Spruit. Nate Bailey and Natasha Sturdavant were absent. There was one citizen in the audience. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.
- Agenda Motion by McKinney, seconded by Spruit, **CARRIED**, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition under Zoning Administrator's report - d) 220<sup>th</sup> Corridor. Affirmed by voice vote.
- Minutes Motion by McKinney, seconded by Spruit, **CARRIED**, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, meeting as presented. Affirmed by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Rich Saladin spoke regarding the development of the parks, trails and recreation. He talked about the trail system as a whole needing to be renovated and developed. The river bank trail needs to be accessible, parking available to it and it needs to be well designated between Rambadt Park and the trail along the river to Westerborg Park. Discussion was held on various trail recreation i.e. snow shoeing and cross country skiing.

The new ice rink has gotten some great publicity. Thursday nights are designated as a pick up hockey game. 9 & 10 News did various segments on the new rink. Dan Burchett has been collecting donations for building a zamboni, benches, skates, a Broom Ball set and other needed items.

The Crossroad Connection Recreation group are interested in developing the splash pad in the same area as the ice rink.

Trevor Guiles arrived at 6:22 P.M.

Crossroads Connection Recreation Committee is willing to pay for an engineering firm to develop a full conceptual drawing but would like a commitment from the City first. Once all is approved down the line, a Michigan DNR grant can be applied for. The building on site can be modified to be a small storage area, male and female restrooms and an area with some lockers. Parking areas in the lot could be slid over another 6-10 feet for additional access. Saladin encouraged everyone to go online and check out Emmons Splash Pad in Rochester Hills.

Splash Pad/  
Ice Rink

Motion by Guiles, seconded by McKinney, **CARRIED**, in support of the concept of having the splash pad, concrete pad/ice rink in the location as designated at the corner of S. Chestnut and W. Slosson Avenue. Affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

There was no new business.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Rich Saladin spoke regarding the Veteran's Memorial Park and Purple Heart Trail. The trail needs to be a hard path such as concrete to make it more accessible to public use for wheelchairs and walking aids. A sidewalk/path from the bridge on both sides needs to be developed to connect it to the downtown and create a looping of the trails to make them more accessible to people.

- Engineer Motion by Saladin, seconded by Spruit, **CARRIED**, to recommend to City council for approval of retaining an Engineering Firm for a conceptual drawing to renovate and develop the Veteran's Memorial and linear trail. Affirmed by unanimous voice vote.
- Museum Rich stated there has been some interest in leasing the former Museum building on Park Street. Someone is interested in making it an Arts center. Another person is interested in it becoming a coffee and donut shop and the Boy Scouts are also talking of looking for a smaller building and feel this building would be a good fit. Rich spoke with Dave Porteous regarding this and Dave offered to have Attorney Jim Thompson search the records to find out what restrictions there are on the park property.
- 220<sup>th</sup> Corridor Rich reported he had met with the Richmond Township Supervisor, Maynard Bluhm, to discuss development of the 220<sup>th</sup> corridor. Some of the topics discussed were making it a three lane road with sidewalks, curb and gutter and street lighting. Rich will be meeting again with Maynard and Bob Toland on Thursday and talking about funding and what the County and State of Michigan will pick up.
- Public Comment Dan Burchett commented Reed City needs to get a Play It Again Sports to come to this area.
- Adjourn Chairperson Montague adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Jacalyn R. Beam  
Recording Secretary