

## *City of Iron Mountain*

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Special Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Celeslo & Blomquist

Absent: Council Member Stohl

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Public Hearing**

#### **2017-2021 Recreation Plan**

Alessandrini opened the Public Hearing.

*Marsha Bonicatto – 738 East A Street*

Bonicatto reviewed the August Lilja Memorial Trust Fund Committee's current and upcoming projects.

Alessandrini closed the Public Hearing.

### **Old Business**

#### **Adoption of Recreation Plan**

Stanchina detailed the recreation plan. He stressed the importance of maintaining and improving the current parks while extending the current trail systems. He communicated that the primary purpose of this document is to apply for grants.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to adopt the City's recreation plan, "City of Iron Mountain Michigan Recreation Plan 2017-2021", as presented.

#### **Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

#### **Discussion of Rehabilitation District Criteria**

Stanchina presented the proposed Rehabilitation District criteria. Blomquist offered his proposed amendments to the criteria. He expressed the opinion that large development will not require abatement in order to determine the viability of a project. Revord conveyed that the value of the tax increase should be abated over time. Celeslo relayed that the proposed abatement for employment may want to be reviewed as many businesses downtown do not employ more than three full-time employee equivalents. The City Council discussed the merits of whether or not larger developments should be offered abatement.

*Ed Felton – Solbergs Greenleaf Sports Bar LLC / 1340 Carpenter Ave.*

He requested clarification regarding the six month clawback period for project abatement.

*Adam Degroot – 310 S. Stephenson Ave.*

Degroot encouraged the City Council to consider how many and what types of businesses will be affected by this program.

Maule inquired as to other Upper Peninsula communities that utilize this program.

#### **No Action Taken**

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**Public Comment**

*Marsha Bonicatto – 738 East A Street*

Bonicatto noted that the August Lilja Memorial Trust Fund Committee is developing a five-year plan. The City Council and Bonicatto discussed how funds could be reserved annually for several years in order to fund larger projects.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by List and supported by Alessandrini to adjourn.

**Motion Prevailed Unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Isaac Micheau  
Clerk-Treasurer