

Council as a Whole Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor Tousignant

Present: Council Members Burke, Caudell, Tchokreff, Rigoni, Jacobs and VanLaanen

Agenda was approved as submitted.

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New Business

Mayor Tousignant opened the meeting for a general discussion by Council. Council Member VanLaanen reported that the Park and Recreation Committee met to discuss alternative uses for the City Park deer pen. One suggestion was the addition of a soccer/football field. Council Member Rigoni believes the money spent to care for and feed the deer would be better spent on park improvements. Council Member Jacobs feels that the deer pen could be better utilized for additional recreational uses or the bowl area could be used for summer concerts. Council Member Caudell stated that there is a need for an additional soccer/football field. She also believes the deer pen would be better suited as additional recreation space.

Council Discussion

Public Comment

John Nienstadt – 717 East A St. – discussed his idea and drawings for a winter park on the west end of City Park. The removal of some of the deer pen would best accommodate his concept.

Sandy Lefebvre – 141 Northview Dr. – came on behalf of the local Pop Warner with a request for an additional football field which would require removal of part of the deer pen.

Linda Anderson – 409 East A St. – suggested the deer pen area could be used for a outdoor wading pool.

Dolores Champion – 400 Campbell St. – would like to see the deer pen stay.

Julie Tass – 1307 West A St. – enjoys the deer pen and would like to see it stay.

Marvin Saltz – 708 Cass Ave. Kingsford – commented that he would like the deer pen to stay.

Don Dinnocenzo – 605 E. Stanton – informed the Council that he takes care of the deer as the DPW foreman. He said the expense is probably less than \$10,000 because the City hasn't TB tested the deer for over a year. He said that not a day goes by without someone visiting and observing the deer. He also said the size of the pen is based on the deer population, currently there are 12 in the herd.

Council Conclusions

Council Member Tchokreff would like to get rid of the deer for financial and usage purposes.

Council Member Caudell believes the Council would like to find if there is a greater use for the deer pen.

Council Member Burke state that what alternative uses are purposed will determine if he is for or against the removal of the deer pen.

Council Member VanLaanen liked the idea of a winter park on the west end as proposed by Mr. Nienstadt.

Mayor Tousignant understands the nostalgic sentiment towards the deer pen but the City Council should create a master plan for City Park to see what is included and what is left out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer