

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 25, 2016

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in special session, upon the call of the Mayor, in the City Hall on the above date and was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Councilmembers Nielsen, Nowak, Sexton and Johnson.

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

2016 – 2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN

Mayor Waligora announced a public hearing on the proposed 2016 – 2020 Recreation Plan.

Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director, presented a report on the Recreation Plan for 2016 – 2020, which is mainly updating goals and objectives accomplished and adding new goals. He explained that the committee will be looking into the feasibility of a proposed RV Park, all staff is neutral at this point, he explained that this idea has been on the table since 1990, and they want to take a closer look at the proposed plan; they have also added language to include the addition of a Splash Park and a Dog Park in the City of Alpena.

Adam Poll has received one e-mail communication from Jim and Pat Schaffer, they are not in support of the proposed RV Park and believe that the Splash Park should be located near the children's play area.

The public comment period was opened.

Mary Bray who lives at 700 S. First Avenue, was interested in the proposed RV Park planning. She stated that the previous councilmembers wanted to keep as much open space as possible, she wanted to know exactly where the park would be located. She said she might feel differently if Alpena had miles of beaches, but since Alpena has only limited space the proposed RV Park would take away from the public view. She would like to know how the proposed RV Park would impact the area and she would like to preserve the lake shore that Alpena has because we have so little.

Mark Hunter who lives at 614 Eighth Street, commented on the fact that many people have been posting comments on Facebook about the proposed RV Park, but

they do not attend these meetings. He looked into easements or reverters on the Mich-e-ke-wis property and found none; he has also conducted research on the City's ownership of property and found that the City had purchased the land from private individuals in Alpena Township, which they have the right to do even if the land is in another jurisdiction, and then in later years the City of Alpena annexed the property from Alpena Township.

The City Clerk indicated that there were no written comments.

The public comment period was closed. There was no Council discussion. The Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

RESOLUTION 2016-03

APPROVING THE 2016 – 2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ALPENA

Moved by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, that Resolution No. 2016-03, a resolution approving the 2016 – 2020 Alpena City Recreation Plan as the official Recreation Plan for the City of Alpena, be adopted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

2017 – 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Municipal Council and the Planning Commission met to hear the Capital Improvement Plan for 2017 – 2022. All department heads presented their reports to the Planning Commission and City Council and answered questions.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, to approve the 2017 – 2022 Capital Improvement Plan.

Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, the Municipal Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk