



CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 2017

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. This meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.; then, after a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, a roll call then determined that the following were

Present: John Murphy, Mayor
Izzy Lyman, City Councilmember
Grant Dittmar, City Councilmember
Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Absent: Kate Marshall, City Councilmember

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Parks and Recreation Director Allen Hansen and new Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Klingelsmith.

Resolution No. 19052
Approve TIFA Project – Festival
Beach Landscaping

The City Manager reviewed that City staff has been working with landscape architects in the development of a landscaped hedge along the beach area at Festival Area beach. The hedge will act as a barrier for a growing geese population that frequent the park each spring and

summer to eat green grass and as geese are known to do, the geese leave behind goose droppings creating an unsanitary and unpleasant park environment.

The City Manager reviewed that staff has tried various methods to keep geese off beach and nothing has worked and that there are various issues staff has considered in the development of the conceptual landscape plans including access, type of vegetative hedge and visual impact. Human access to the beach and water will be through three decorative gates and to allow access for equipment, watercraft and events, two four-foot gates will be installed near the center of the landscaped hedge. The City Manager reviewed that the hedge will be comprised of “burning bush” that is resilient and can withstand the harsh winds and frigid temperatures at the site, with expected minimum heights of 24”-30”.

Four bids were received and Louis A. Hoffman Nursery, Harbor Springs, was the lowest bidder at \$12,964. In the 2017 Budget, there was \$15,000 budgeted in the Tax Increment Finance Authority Fund under Operations-Construction for the project. Staff was looking for City Council approval to spend up to \$18,000 that would be used as follows: landscaping (\$12,964), gates and installation (\$2,100) and native grass and miscellaneous plantings (\$2,936).

City Councilmembers inquired that from previous history of geese, will landscape improvements be effective and discussed location.

Parks and Recreation Director Al Hansen responded that geese don't fly until later; that gates and shrubs should keep geese out; that metal spring loaded gates are stronger than past gates; and that geese may be on beach, but hedge will keep them from a food source and they should leave.

City Councilmember Wills moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Dittmar to approve the project and \$18,000 budget as presented for the landscaping at Festival Area beach.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Lyman, Dittmar, Wills, Murphy (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this March 28, 2017, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer