

**CITY OF AU GRES TIFA MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023
5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Tom Nixon, Dan Tolliver, Marcia Zoyiopoulos, Allison Wiltse, John Popovich
ABSENT: William Borushko

1). CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nixon at 5:00 p.m.

2). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted William Borushko absent.

3). MINUTES

MOTION (Popovich) to approve TIFA Meeting minutes April 24, 2023; support (Sanford). Motion carried.

4). CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

5). OLD BUSINESS: None

6). NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Informational Meeting to all Jurisdictions levying taxes subject to TIFA capture

City Clerk explained that City needs to hold two informational meetings per year to all units who have TIFA capture withheld from taxes. Nobody was present tonight for comments. City Clerk explained annual TIFA report showing TIF captured from Arenac County at \$83,513, Library at \$4845 and Fire Authority at \$9636. TIF Fund balance is \$913,361. At the April 2024 TIF Meeting, we will discuss capital projects for the next fiscal year along with adopting budget and/or any budget adjustments.

6.2 Discussion of New Capital Projects- Update 5 Year Rec Plan

Enclosed in packet was current park and recreation master list along with capital projects budget list. City Manager is amazed at how many projects have been complete in the past 5 years. Brainstorm to come up with new ideas to throw in new 5-year Park & Recreation Master Plan. Updated board on current projects going on:

- City Park Pavilion upgrades: new posts, siding, garage doors, lighting, ceiling and electrical to be done by Spring 2024.
- Campground Expansion: still continuing to move forward even though no grants received. Talking 28-30 additional sites in existing ballfield area. Will continue to apply for grants for this project and could borrow money from TIF funds to help pay for.
- Ballfields Relocation: need to move since park expansion is on existing fields. Move to soccer field's location and like to see City maintain and groups to pay City for upkeep. Would have to move concession stand to more central location with water and electric needed as well.
- ADA Cabins: would like to put in 2 ADA cabins at the Park. City received 2% grant for \$20,000 for this project. Cabins cost approximately \$45,000 each. Need to decide to continue with project, look for additional grant funds or have park or TIFA fund pay for the remainder.
- KinderPlatz Park- need some maintenance upgrades like new roof over pavilion, playground equipment, putting mulch down instead of sand.
- Bike Path from Green Drive through CN farms and ending at Court Street. Resident in Au Gres Township is pursuing this project. Sanford wondered any way to connect this bike path to our possible sidewalk project along Midshipman Drive? City Manager feels at this time best spot to connect is Court Street since it will be quite expensive for the Midshipman Drive sidewalks with having to build a boardwalk over Sagar Creek and having to flip flop sidewalk back and forth to different sides of the road and with no shoulders to build on.

City Manager asked TIFA Members for any additional project ideas. Park & Recreation next meeting is Tuesday, December 19 to finalize.

Zoyiopoulos: Asked about status of Harbor bathrooms? City Manager did say there is a set of bathrooms open for the public but the bathroom with showers needs quite a bit of work. No sense updating until water and electrical at the docks are done and can be rented out. Dredging some of the boat slips will need to be done as well.

Tolliver: List shows ice rink? City Manager said it was talked about at one time but very high maintenance and probably low priority with lack of staff and volunteers.

Popovich: suggestion was to install cameras around town. Trees stolen at City Park and cameras help deter criminals. Maybe even post at each end of town City under surveillance.

Sanford: N Main Street sidewalks/fill in ditches is on list- wanted to know how far this would go? City Manager explained only from Bopp-Busch to Park pavilion entrance.

7). **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None

8). **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** Comments said above.

9). **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION (Popovich) to adjourn meeting at 5:43 p.m. support (Zoyiopoulos). Motion carried

Tom Nixon, Chairman

LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk