

# **AGENDA**

## **CITY OF BESSEMER Recreation Commission**

Regular meeting of the City of Bessemer Recreation Committee to be held in City Council Chambers at 411 S Sophie on Thursday April 5th, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**BOARD MEMBERS: Olsen, Coleman, Longhini, Jackovich, Maki**  
**ROLL CALL**

**MINUTES:** March 2, 2023

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1) DNR Trailhead Grant update
- 2) 5-year Plan Discussion

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Adjourn**

**A REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CITY OF BESSEMER WAS HELD AT CITY HALL  
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023, AT 5:30 PM.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present – Olsen, Coleman, Longhini, Maki.  
Absent – Jackovich

**THESE MEMBERS CONSTITUTE A QUARUM**

**MINUTES** It was moved by Longhini and supported by Coleman to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting and place them on file.

A vote was then taken: AYES – Olsen, Coleman, Longhini, Maki; NAYS – None; ABSENT – Jackovich. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**RFB PARK RESTROOM  
CLEANING**

The commission recommended to the City Council to go out for bids for cleaning at the Bluff Valley Park restrooms for the 2023 summer season.

**TRAILHEAD UPDATE**

The commission discussed the current application for the MI DNR Grant that is in progress for the Trailhead project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commission member Maki suggested looking into stocking the pond at Bluff Valley Park with fish and creating a children's fishing day.

**ADJOURN 6:00 p.m.**

It was moved by Longhini and supported by Coleman to adjourn.

A vote was then taken: AYES – Olsen, Coleman, Longhini, Maki; NAYS – None; ABSENT – Jackovich. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **Parks & Recreation 5-year Plan**

Our current 5-year plan expires 06/30/2024. I think it's time we start reviewing the old plan to see what projects did and didn't get completed in the current plan, what we'd like to roll forward into the new plan, and start coming up with ideas for the new plan.

I'd also like to recommend we look into hiring an outside firm to help us with completing the 5-year plan.

2019/20

| Item                                                                                                       | Potential Funding                 | Amount   | Potential Partners                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Convert Tennis Courts Into Basketball courts                                                               | General Fund                      | \$1,500  |                                                                            |
| Reroute/ fix up Bluff Trail                                                                                | General Fund, Hospital Foundation | \$1,000  |                                                                            |
| Improve Trail signage for Cross Country Ski Trail and Snowshoeing Trail. Replace south Bridge on Ski route | General Fund, CDEG                | \$16,600 |                                                                            |
| Create an ice rink complete with lights. Create a warming area                                             | General Fund, CDEG                | \$44,950 |                                                                            |
| Bluff Valley Loop Improvements                                                                             | General Fund, CDEG                | \$16,600 | Friends of the Trail                                                       |
| Tackle Goose Problem                                                                                       | General Fund                      | \$150    |                                                                            |
| Replace Pavilion Roof                                                                                      | General Fund                      | \$12,000 |                                                                            |
| Install Little Libraries                                                                                   | General Fund, Library Fund        | \$500    | Gogebic Range Wood Carvers                                                 |
| Excavate Pond and fix up dam                                                                               | DNR Grant Funding                 |          | School District, DNR, USFS, Gogebic Conservation District, Trout Unlimited |
| Remove White Pine by dam                                                                                   | General Fund, DNR Grant funding   | \$500    |                                                                            |
| Tributary Stream Habitat Improvement                                                                       | DNR Grant funding                 |          | School District, DNR, USFS, Gogebic Conservation District, Trout Unlimited |

**2020/21**

| Item                                                | Potential Funding                    | Amount  | Potential Partners                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| Stairs from 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave to Iron Belle Trail | General Fund,<br>Hospital Foundation | \$1,000 | Bessemer Plywood,<br>Friends of the Trail |
| Install Ceiling above engine in Bluff Valley Park   | General Fund                         | \$2,500 |                                           |

**2021/22**

| Item                          | Potential Funding                                 | Amount  | Potential Partners   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Yale Loop to Iron Belle Trail | General Fund,<br>Hospital Foundation,<br>DNR Fund | \$4,000 | Friends of the Trail |

**2022/23**

| Item                                   | Potential Funding                                       | Amount   | Potential Partners          |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Walking Trail around perimeter of park | General Fund,<br>Hospital Foundation,<br>DNR Trust Fund | \$30,000 |                             |
| ADA Bathrooms                          | General Fund,<br>Hospital Foundation,<br>DNR Trust Fund | \$20,000 |                             |
| ADA Play Equipment                     | General Fund,<br>Hospital Foundation,<br>DNR Trust Fund | \$5,000  |                             |
| Bessemer Housing Commission Loop       | General Fund,<br>Hospital Foundation,<br>DNR Trust Fund | \$4,000  | Bessemer Housing Commission |

**2023/24**

**Future Projects**

**Soccer Field**

**Support**

The following are projects that the Parks and Recreation Committee will provide support for completing.

- **Creating a Community Fishing Pond including**
  - **Excavating pond**
  - **Improving pond habitat**
  - **Planting fish including brook trout**
  - **Removing white pine tree by dam**
  - **Installing signage and benches**
  - **Hosting events related to the pond**
  - **Related activities**
- **Building a bicycle terrain park/ skateboarding park**
- **Building a new Volleyball Court**
- **Hosting a Winter Event**

**Consider**

The following are projects that the Parks and Recreation Committee will consider taking on or supporting if the conditions are correct.

- **Purchasing the County Commission Lot to expand Bluff Valley Park**
- **Replacing trees in Bluff Valley Park**