

**CITY OF IMLAY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**150 N. MAIN STREET**  
**IMLAY CITY, MI 48444**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Demske called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Demske led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioner Frank Demske, Commissioner Cynthia Stroebel, Commissioner Renee Hoag, Commissioner Heather Sample, Commissioner Jennifer Kulin, Commissioner Jeremy Hayden

**Absent:** Commissioner Joi Kempf

**Also Present:** City Manager Craig Horton, Doug Schultz (ROWE)

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Hayden seconded by Hoag to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** December 04, 2024 - Special Meeting

**MOTION** by Hayden seconded by Stroebel to approve minutes from the previous meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Period ending 12/31/2024.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Doug Schultz, ROWE - SPARK Grant**

Doug Schultz of ROWE met with the commission to discuss the proposed budget for the Lions Park update. The current proposed construction costs are \$701,414. Currently over budget by \$21,214.

The project will be bidded out to a company for construction. The planned time frame for bidding and awarding is May-June 2025. Mr. Schultz and the commission are optimistic for the bid to be under budget. The bid will be for general contractors (who may contract with subcontractors) to obtain playscape equipment, install, and site preparations.

In the case that the project remains over budget, the commission discussed mixing-and-matching playscape equipment and/or reducing the scale of obstacle course equipment to fall into budget.

The current budget includes cost of soil boring Lions Park. Soil boring is recommended by Mr. Schultz to give future contractor better idea of existing conditions of the soil to plan for construction.

**B. Chairperson Winterfest Update**

Commissioners Kuhlin, Hayden, and Sample shared the experience of the Winterfest Lions Park public engagement event. Commission agreed it was well-received by the public and the gathered input is very important for Lions Park going forward.

Option #1 (66' zipline, obstacle course, and playscape) won the most votes, followed by option #3 (50' zipline, obstacle course, and larger playscape). Option #2 (50' zipline and small nature-themed playscape and obstacle course) received the least amount of votes.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. NONE**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. NONE**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Stroebel seconded by Hoag to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Hayden, Secretary

**APPROVED: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**CITY COMMISSION APPROVED: March 18, 2025**