



**SPECIAL MEETING  
CEDAR SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND DOWNTOWN  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 06, 2022  
5:30 p.m. Meeting**

**Cedar Springs Fire Station  
38 N Second St  
Cedar Springs, Michigan**

1. **Conley** called the meeting to order at 5:38pm and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. ROLL CALL:

City Council

Ms. Lisa Atchison	<u>Present-Zoom</u>
Mr. Jerry Gross Sr.	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Ashley Hamel	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Molly Nixon, Mayor Pro Tem	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Rose Powell	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Renee Race	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Pamela Conley, Mayor	<u>Present</u>

Planning Commission

Mr. Jerry Hall	<u>Present- 5:52pm</u>
Mr. Matthew Hogg	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Jason Merlington	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Daniel McGrath	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Shandell Napieralski	<u>Present-Zoom</u>
Mr. John Nixon	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Clint Conley	<u>Present</u>

Downtown Development Authority

Jody Arp	<u>Absent</u>
Bernie Beier	<u>Absent</u>
Pamela Conley	<u>Present</u>
Laura Ensley	<u>Present-Zoom</u>

Sally Howland	<u>Absent</u>
Rose Ellen Powell	<u>Present</u>
Todd Vriesenga	<u>Absent</u>
Tom Wilkes	<u>Absent</u>
Dave Ringler	<u>Present-Zoom</u>

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

*The Council welcomes and encourages the public to speak during the public comment and public hearing portions of the agenda. However, Council policy is to hear the public comment, not to act on the public comment at this time. Concerns brought before the Council during the Public Comment portion of the agenda will be referred to the City Manager for action. If, after communicating with the City Manager, no resolution is reached, the concern will be elevated to the Mayor and then eventually to the Council for action.*

*Those citizens wishing to speak on agenda and non-agenda items will be allowed a maximum of four minutes each to address their concerns. This is the only time during the Council meeting that citizens are allowed to address the Council. Please state your name and address for the record if you would like.*

**Rose Powell** thanked everyone for coming and for all the hard work put in by staff for the proposed plan.

**Steven Gilbert** reported that he is running for the 74<sup>th</sup> District Senate Seat.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

Motion by **Race** seconded by **Atchison** to adopt the agenda as presented.

<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>Motion Carried.</b>
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5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. 5 Year Recreation Plan

**Rick Stout** introduced the project, reviewed grant sulfidations, and the highlights of the proposed Recreation plan. He noted that the plan could be modified in the future if the needs of the community change.

**Public Comment:**

**Rose Powell** liked the idea of adding a pavilion to the area. **Pamela Conley** liked the idea of the ADA Accessible Restrooms. **Jerry Hall** wanted to see a focus on ADA Parking, facilities, and pavilion. **Clint Conley** liked the plan. **Renee Race** thought the plan was a good start and thought a pavilion and ADA restrooms were needed. **Tom Noreen** wanted to see the North Country Trail Connect. **Rebecca Johnson** reported the need for several errors that needed

correcting and wanted to see some more emphasis on winter/all season recreation.

- B. Heart of Cedar Springs Master Plan
  - i. Option A
    - i. Enlargement
  - ii. Option B
    - i. Enlargement
  - iii. Option C
    - i. Enlargement

**Public Comment:**

**Jerry Hall** wanted to see the playground on the North Side of the Creek and to move the bathrooms closer to utility access. **John Huizenga** would like to keep as much open space as possible. **Rose Powell** also wanted to see as much green space as possible and preferred option B. **Tom Noreen** preferred option C. **Renee Race** preferred option B. **Rebecca Johnson** preferred option B, would rather see a small welcome center along with the bathrooms that could be open year round, and would like to see revisions for the parking lot near the library to make the entrance and exits safer. **Michael Womack** did not like the proposed digger equipment because children do not fill in the holes the dig so it makes it difficult to actually use the equipment as intended. **Shandell Napieralski** preferred option B because it kept children further from the parking and roadways. **Lisa Atchinson** preferred option B and wanted to make sure that the proposed changes do not change the way the sound is projected at the Amphitheater. **Sue Wolfe** wanted to make sure that the Trout stream is protected and that the natural stream is conserved. She also wanted to see open space surrounding the Amphitheater. **Clint Conley** preferred option B and moving the restroom near the existing utilities.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. 5 Year Recreation Plan Public Hearing 1-13-2022

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

**Atchison** loved the collaboration of sharing everyone's ideas.  
**Powell** thanked Mr. Stout and everyone who attended.  
**Race** reported that this was a big step for our community and thanked Mr. Stout.  
**Conley** thanked Mr. Stout for his guidance and wisdom. She also thanked everyone for building social infrastructure.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

**Conley** adjourned at 7:51pm.

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**Rebecca Johnson, City Clerk**

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**Pamela Conley, Mayor**