



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday August 4, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Davey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Anderson, Paul		X	X	
Burchell, Annette	X		Late	
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting	X		Late	
True, Marion		X	X	
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			
	6	Quorum		

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Kangas to approve the July 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion carried 4 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Added Item to the Agenda: Mt. Zion

Motion by Vuorenmaa to accept the Amended Agenda. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion carried 4 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit):

None

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):

None

7. Park Financials – none to present.
8. Park Maintenance Report

A maintenance report was presented showing the current projects. Brown noted to keep in mind projects that the committee would like to do for a fall discussion.

Kangas inquired as to who placed the Playground equipment at Hiawatha on the list and agreed with the listing that much can be done at that location.

Davey inquired about the progress with Curry Park and Director Brown noted that he is waiting on an approval from a grant that he had applied for. Davey also inquired about playground equipment at Longyear Park, Director Brown is now waiting for approval from the Feds and the State. Once he gets the grant agreement they can plan and put a bid spec together.

Burchell inquired about the status of the Depot Park Playground Trust Fund Grant and Director Brown is anticipating a response in December.

9. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Priorities: Director Brown presented the components that are pertinent to the Parks and Recreation Committee. He presented it in an implementation matrix that he will use as the projects go forward. The committee will update the plan each year and will be a tool for the entire group for future planning and projects. He also went into detail with the priority actions for the short term, long term and ongoing actions and projects. The first year goals or short term goals will start now and last until the end of 2015. Brown had the Committee identify what first year priority action items should be completed and include:

1. Strategy 4.5: Define and construct priority trail improvements.
2. Strategy 5.4(a): Update and Strengthen plan with the Miners Memorial Heritage Park

Director Brown asked the Miners members present whether Parks and Rec should support the Miners group with their plan. The group discussed and agreed that they should work in house to create a plan and that the master plan is the dream of the committee.

3. Strategy 5.4(b): Continue Implementation of existing Depot Park Master Plan
4. Strategy 5.8 (a) Incorporate Art into a City-Wide Art Planning

Director Brown also indicated projects that have already started.

5. Strategy 5.8(b): Community Led Art Projects

Director Brown indicated projects that have already taken place such as "Art in the Park"

6. Not selected: Strategy 5.5: Provide Tools that Direct People to Parks in the Community

Director Brown didn't recommend this yet because the Branding and Marketing component needs to be completed first. This will be a priority item as soon as the Brand is completed. He also stated the importance to be consistent and to involve the public in the process.

Each month Director Brown will update the committee on the progress.

10. Project Updates:

- a. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status

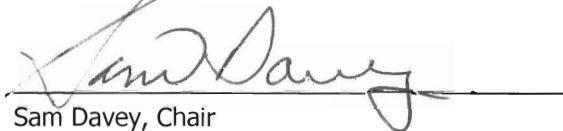
11. Other Business:

- a. Mt. Zion: Davey wanted the brush to be cut and was looking for suggestions on how this could happen. Director Brown suggested to get volunteers like the Rotary Club to take on the project. Various other groups were suggested like the Boy Scouts, GCC Ski Area Management and so on. Director Brown suggested that the committee look further at getting volunteers to head the project
- b. Kangas asked for the status of the bike trail. Director Brown stated that the bid specs were sent to the DNR for approval and that the City Commission has approved. He is waiting for a response from the DNR.
- c. Davey inquired about the status of the gas plant cleanup. Director Brown stated the City is required to monitor it through the EPA.
- d. Kangas brought up the possibility of a new site for a new park on the north side of town. The question asked is, do they want one park or two on the north side that would cover more territory.

12. Next Meeting: September 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment: **Motion** by Wamhoff to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant



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 ART PARK SITE PLAN

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