



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday February 3, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, February 3, 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			
Burchell, Annette		X	X	
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen		X		X
	6	2	1	Quorum

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown. Mr. Paul Grbavcich was also in the audience.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by True to accept the December 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Kangas.
Motion Carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda: Under project updates 9d – the Comprehensive Plan will be added and under 9B, Letter of Endorsement added.

Motion by True to accept the Agenda as amended. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion carried 5 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):

Mr. Paul Grbavcich wanted to know if Mr. Anderson was paid a fee for maintaining the Memorial Trail. Mr. Grbavcich was told that Mr. Anderson is not paid a fee for the maintenance of the trail. He uses it and maintains the trail in the summer and uses it in the winter.

7. Park Financials: Director Brown presented the financial statements and stated that if there were any questions that Director Linn was available. The Committee asked why, on the Deer Hunt, there was nothing budgeted for oil and gas, but there was \$1,500 spent? There were other questions as well. Davey will talk to Director Linn about the financials.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Deer Hunt: Davey would like to see the deer hunt suspended as there were a lack of deer this winter due to the harsh conditions.

Motion by Vuorenmaa to recommend suspension of the deer hunt for one year due to dwindling numbers of the deer because of the bad winter. **Second** by Davey. **Motion carried 4 to 1 with True dissenting.**

- b. Longyear Park Grant: The State Historical Preservation Office must go through the paperwork to make sure no historical areas are disturbed or present. This item will be brought back to the Committee after a grant agreement is approved.

- c. Curry Park Grant (Trust Fund): Director Brown spoke with Christie Bayless who has suggested a DNR Trust Fund grant for the upgrade of the electrical project. Director Brown explained that most projects which are under \$50,000 are likely to be approved. Director Brown stated he would like a motion to recommend that the City goes after the DNR grant.

Motion by Davey to recommend that the City of Ironwood pursue a DNR Trust Fund grant. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- d. Mt. Zion Cost Updates (Paul): Anderson presented the approximate cost estimates for three different scenarios for upgrading the roads on Mt. Zion. Anderson will be checking into the TAPS (Transportation Alternative Program), for ideas on this project. The road is City property.

Motion by Davey to recommend to the City Commission that \$35,000.00 be budgeted for this project. **Second** by Vuorenmaa. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

9. Project Updates:

- a. Goals: Director Brown stated that the goals will be reviewed monthly for updates. A discussion was had about the easement through the Keweena property from non-motorized trail to Miner's Park.

Semo brought up that a dog park should really be considered. Davey stated that the dog park idea was brought up quite a bit at the Comprehensive Plan meetings. True questioned whether it might be time to contact the Model Airplane group.

- b. Regional Trail: Director Brown stated we are need of easements. There are 6 or 7 easements needed for the non-motorized trail. The county should be applying for the next portion of

funding for the trail. There is a letter of endorsement here that they are asking Parks and Recreation for support on.

Motion by Davey to back supporting of the Regional Trail and sign the letter of support. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

- c. Joint Government Meeting: Director Brown stated that others have asked for a City-wide Joint Government meeting for the purposes of updating all, at one time, of the on-goings of the various groups. This meeting is March 31, 2014 at 4 to 6 p.m. at Gogebic Community College in the Cafeteria. Please let Kim Coon know by March 17, 2014 for an accurate head count.
- d. Comprehensive Plan: Director Brown thanked all of those who attended the Comprehensive Plan meetings the week of the 21st of January. Director Brown indicated that about 75 unique persons attended the week-long event. In March, 2014, the Consultants will be back with a status of the project and we should have a draft document by April/May.

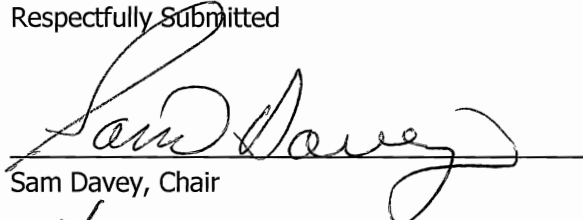
10. Other Business: None

11. Next Meeting: March 3, 2014.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
Adjournment at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant