



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday April 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, April 7, 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 – Leave of absence.	
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			
	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Quorum</b>

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown. Bill Martell and Tom DeCarlo were in the audience.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

**Motion** by Anderson to accept the March 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Wamhoff.  
**Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda: Under project updates, #8c, Tom DeCarlo will be added to speak about the dam at Norrie Park.

**Motion** by Kangas to accept the Agenda as amended. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion carried 6 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. Bill Martell of 647 Huron Street was here to complain about the blowing snow and dust into his home's lot. (He is across from the Little League Field). The Committee explained that this was not an issue for the Parks and Recreation group; however, Mr. Kangas suggested that Mr. Martell talk to the Little League about planting trees to help with the situation.

7. Park Financials: Director Brown presented the financial statements and stated that if there were any questions that Director Linn was available. No comments from Parks & Recreation Committee.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Comprehensive Plan: Director Brown presented a powerpoint presentation of the comprehensive plan draft. He indicated that he needs the Parks and Recreation Committee to go through the Plan and specifically the Parks & Recreation section and provide feedback. If an item is missing or the Members feel that something needs to be changed, to send those comments directly to Director Brown.

Semo pointed out that the Community Development Department is heavy with work under this new Plan.

- b. US2 Construction Project Fill: Semo presented the attached maps regarding construction fill. Parks and Recreation would like to move forward with this idea of placing the fill from the US2 Construction site in the Miner's Memorial Heritage Park. The Committee would also like to include a small fee for dumping of such fill. The Committee also asked if it would be possible to stockpile some of the fill and put it into storage for use at a future time.

**Motion** by Vuorenmaa to recommend to the City Commissioners that we use the US2 removed fill for use in the Miner's Memorial Heritage Park, and that the Parks & Recreation Committee also recommend to the City Commissioners to charge a small fee to relocate this fill to be used for projects in the park. Parks & Recreation would also recommend to the City Commissioners that they City obtain a small amount of fill to be put into storage at a later time. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

- c. Tom DeCarlo: Spoke regarding the old dam at Norrie Park. He would like to see the dam fixed or replaced. He explained that at one time there was a swimming pond there, concession stand and lifeguards that were paid for by the City. Mr. DeCarlo said that on April 26, 2014 he will be going to Iron Mountain for a Legislative get together and will talk with the various persons regarding the dam. He stated that there would need to be coordination with the Wisconsin side of the dam. Mr. DeCarlo said that the DNR has a fairly new program for dam management that the Committee might be able to take advantage of. Mr. DeCarlo will be back to the meeting next month and provide an update of what he learned.

**Motion** by Davey to recommend that this Dam renovation/replacement be added to the Park Plan for future consideration. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion Carried 5 to 1 with Kangas dissenting.**

9. Project Updates:

- a. Goals: Director Brown stated that the Committee was working on the goals and a quick update was given.

10. Other Business: True stated that the Skateboard Park is in need of a water fountain. It was noted that the water line is over a block away. Anderson stated that it would take approximately \$10,000 to \$30,000 to run a waterline, especially if it must cross under a road.

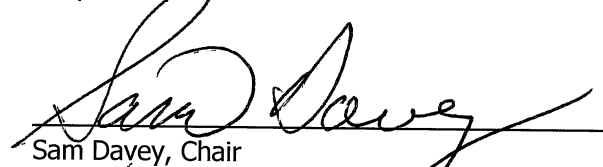
Vuorenmaa stated that an outside skating rink in front of the grand stands after the snowmobile races are finished would be a good thing and fun for all. Vuorenmaa stated that he will talk to the County about this possibility.

11. Next Meeting: May 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant