



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday September 5, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Anderson, Paul	X			
Burchell, Annette	X	Arrived 5:11p		
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting		X	X	
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen		X	X	

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown. In the audience were Ian Shackelford and Mr. Hudacek..

3. Approval of the Minutes: Davey pointed out on Page 2, Item 8, Paragraph 2 of the August 5, 2013 Minutes, that Norrie should be changed to Miners Park.

**Motion** by Vuorenmaa to accept the Minutes of August 8, 2013. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 5 to 0 with Anderson Abstaining..**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by Anderson to accept the Agenda. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

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

None

**Note Burchell arrived 5:11 p.m.**

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

None.

7. Safe Routes to School – Presentation by Ian Shackelford: Ian Shackelford presented the Sleight/Norrie/Wright Safe Routes to School Action Plan. The Safe Routes Committee has walked the various trails and has come up with an action plan with a number of items that could receive grants to fix sidewalks or trails and avoid major streets and highways.

**Motion** by Davey to support the Sleight/Norrie/Wright safe Routes to School Action Plan of 09-04-13.  
**Second** by Kangas. **Motion carried 5 to 1, with Anderson Abstaining and True Dissenting.**

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Clemens Street Property (Hudacek), tabled from last month. Discussion ensued that this property is zoned open and not on the surplus property list. The Planning Commission motioned last month that the property be placed on the surplus property list and their recommendation to place this on the surplus property list be passed up to the City Commissioners.

**Motion** by Davey that the City of Ironwood performs a title search on this property and that ownership of the property is determined. Once the actual owner is ascertained, Parks and Recreation could determine if this property might be used for future trail development by Parks and Recreation and whether any part of it can be sold to Mr. Hudacek. **Second** by Anderson.  
**Motion carried 6 to 0.**

- b. Ayer Street Property Request (Fitting): (Mr. Fitting not available). Director Brown explained that Mr. Fitting would like to buy the Ayer Street property adjacent his property at 850 E Ayer Street and put up two storage units buildings that would be 40' x 112' x 8'. Mr. Fitting would have to get a conditional use permit to put the buildings on the property. The City currently owns this property. Director Brown stated that just today he received a formal request from Ottawa Forest Products to also buy this property.

**Motion** Anderson that the Park and Recreation Committee has reviewed the sale of this property in terms of uses for Parks and Recreation, and has determined that there are no uses or reasonable objections to such sales and that it recommends to the City Commissioners to sell the property. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

- c. City Wide Deer Hunt: Davey stated that the Deer Hunt in the Miner's Park should end every year on November 30. He stated that the boundaries should be Penoke to Ayer and Frenchtown to Bonnie.

**Motion** by Davey to end the Miner's Memorial Park Deer Hunt on November 30 of each year from Penoke Road to Ayer Street and Frenchtown Road to Bonnie. **Second** by Vuorenmaa.  
**Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

9. Project Updates:

Comprehensive Plan: Director Brown stated that Rick Semo, Tom Bergman, Scott Erickson and himself interviewed four companies for formulating and writing the City's Comprehensive Plan. The company that most impressed them was HKgi out of Minneapolis. The Planning Commission recommended to the City Commissioners that the selection of HGki be approved. Parks and Recreation could have a role in this when it comes to the Parks and Recreation Plan and rolling it into the comprehensive plan.

Director Brown will keep Parks and Recreation updated as the process begins. He hopes to take a contract to the City Commissioners on Monday, September 23, 2013 for approval.

10. Other Business:

Burchell noticed that the adhesive on the tennis courts has released. Neal Corcoran has been contacted as has Action Floors to get this item fixed.

A field trip to Mr. Hudacek's property was discussed and it was decided that one day next week (September 9 through September 13), from noon to 1:00 p.m. would be a good time to come and walk the property. Davey to set this up with Mr. Hudacek.

11. Next Meeting: October 7, 2013.

12. Adjournment:

**Motion** by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Davey. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**  
Adjournment at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant