



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday November 4, 2013, 5:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, November 4, 2013 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	X	
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown. Mr. John Whitlow and Mr. Dale Dabb were also present.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Kangas to accept the October 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Kangas to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Vuorenmaa. **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. Dale Dabb stated that he is one of the coaches for the Little League as well as a concerned parent there to talk to the Committee about the restrooms conditions at the Little League Field. The restrooms are in terrible shape. They are mostly being used for storage then as a restroom. Mr. Dabb stated that the restrooms are being used during the games, by both the Little League here and the teams they are playing. The drinking fountain outside is also inoperable. Mr. Dabb wanted to know what the Committee could do about this situation. Discussion was had and Davey stated that he would like a representative of the Little League Association to come in to the next meeting in December and talk about these items. Director Brown also stated that he would talk to the City officials and get their opinions on this. This property is owned by the City, but the Little League has not communicated with the City on what they are doing with/to the property.

7. Park Financials: Davey did not speak with Clerk Gullan about the deer hunt fees after last month's meeting.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

a. Property Purchase Request on East Ash Street – Whitlow:

Director Brown stated that the property in questions is for two pieces of property the City owns on East Ash Street. The larger of the properties (27-233-050), is approximately 3.1 acres was put on hold by the City for future development. Parcel #27-233-070 is priced at \$500 and is available for Mr. Whitlow or others who wish to purchase this. Director Brown stated that if this property is sold that Mr. Whitlow would be responsible for all the surveying and costs associated with buying this property.

Mr. Whitlow spoke. He has bought a number of properties on Birch Street and would like to purchase the larger of the properties to eventually build a ranch-style home on.

Motion by Davey to put a hold on the property known as Parcel 27-233-050 until after the Comprehensive Plan is completed and then, if appropriate, follows through with the City Commission's recommendations. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

b. Xcel Poles:

Dawn Schultz was back in front of the Committee to explain what Xcel had come up with. She stated that Xcel needs to add a pole at the 'green-dot' on the drawing, and this is not a good solution due to the engineering restrictions and costs associated with the pole. She indicated that a guywire would also need to be placed across the Pole.

Shackelford stated that she believes the Park should get remuneration for the added poles and Ms. Schultz indicated that a payment of not less than \$500 has been authorized in the past. Chair Davey asked if it would be possible to have lights done on the ski trails. Ms. Schultz stated that she would check with Xcel's Community Relations Department regarding this.

Shackelford will meet with Ms. Schultz about where the pole should go.

c. 2014 Goal Setting:

Director Brown presented his report.

1. Repave Mt. Zion road and add directional signage (5)
2. Access Trail from non-motorized trail to Miner's Park (4)
3. Work with Ironwood Schools to acquire Norrie School site and develop park/playground (4)*

4. *Install lights on the ski trail in Miner's Park (4)*
5. *Install an outdoor skating rink (3)*
6. *Install Mt. Zion accessible viewing deck (2)*
7. *Tree trimming at Mt. Zion (1)*
8. *Create a dog park (1)*
9. *Install Mt. Zion guard rail (0)*

*Requires amendment to 5 year park and rec plan to be eligible for DNR grant funding.

Chair Davey said that this would also be a good time to be talking to the Little League Association. Shackelford said that grants could be easier to get than fundraising by the Little League.

- d. Ayer & Luxmore (Davey): Davey stated that he had an idea that this corner area could be turned into an upscale home subdivision, with the selling points being near the Depot Park, snow machining, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting and walking. This is another idea to be worked on during the Comprehensive Plan development.

9. Project Updates:

Director Brown said that he and Scott Erickson road the regional trail for measurements. Easements are needed from Reds Auto to the Industrial Park area. One homeowner does not want to grant an easement. If this is the case, then a possibility of a shared or side-by-side trail would need to be considered, as well as a new southern route. The goal on this project is still to build in the spring.


10. Other Business:

Kangas stated that Chair Davey had an idea of putting a R.V. park on Ayer Street (same location as the drop-off for the City clean-up day). He envisions water and sewer and electrical hook-ups. It would be a good spot due to close-by shopping and to the trails for snow machines, snowshoeing, walking and cross-country skiing. This could be an idea to work on during the Comprehensive Plan work-up. Next Meeting: December 4, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Kangas to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant