



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday December 2, 2013, 5:30 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 2, 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 arrived 5:57p			
Burchell, Annette	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	
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Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown. Mr. Sam Fontecchio and Mr. Jim Weimer from Ironwood's Little League were also present. Mr. Paul Grbavcich asked to speak under item #6.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

**Motion** by Kangas to accept the November 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion** by True to accept the Agenda. **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 stated that the deer hunt in the City limits this year was very poor. He believes that the deer hunt should be closed down for a few years to allow the bucks to come back to the area, or that the deer hunts be limited to doe only. Discussion ensued and it was decided to add this item to next month's agenda to discuss.

7. Park Financials: Director Brown stated that there were no financials this month as Director Linn is working with the auditors.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

a. Presentation by the Little League: Mr. Sam Fontecchio was present along with Mr. Jim Weimer and explained that the little league usually addresses issues right away as they are presented. He indicated that the little league does store items in both restrooms over the winter. Mr. Fontecchio presented letters from Coleman Engineering and Wagner Construction that shows all of the in-kind costs that have been donated to the little league. Mr. Fontecchio listed a number of members of the community who have contributed either money or time to help support the Little League. Mr. Fontecchio stated that the fence will be done and hopefully with some grants and donations that the snack shack and restrooms could be updated.

b. Property Purchase on 476 E Houck: Director Brown presented this request for the purchase of this property.

**Motion** by True that this property be sold but not at the requested price. **Second** by Vuorenmaa. **Motion Carried 5 to 0. Note: Mr. Anderson arrived at 5:57p.m.**

9. Project Updates:

Director Brown stated that the Comprehensive Plan is well underway. He encouraged the Commission to participate by filling out the survey and then bringing their ideas to the meetings the week of January 21, 2014. Director Brown also said that the bookmarks with information about the comprehensive plan will be handed out at the Jack Frost Parade.

10. Other Business: Vuorenmaa wanted to know where he could get posters for the SISU. Burchell said she could help him with that.

Rick Semo asked about the status of the old Norrie School grounds. He wondered if the Commission should be asking Superintendent Kolesar about the playground equipment which was removed. Semo thought this might be a project for a future grant. Director Brown spoke with Neal Corcorran about moving some of the older equipment to the site, and Mr. Corcorran stated that once you start to modify this older equipment to current standards, that it can get very expensive, if it can be done at all.

Chair Davey has contacted a vendor about lights for the ski trails. He stated that solar lights that he has found probably won't work because of the lack of sun here in the winter. He will also contact Dawn at Xcel to see if there is anything she can assist with.

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Kangas wanted to know when the lights at the fountains would be repaired.

Old Newport School, back lot: Commission to keep eyes and ears open for a possible sale on this property.

11. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant