



Proceedings of the Park and Recreation Committee  
Monday January 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

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A regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in Conference Room #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Davey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Andresen, Will	X			
Burchell, Annette	X			
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Frank, Steve	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce		X		X

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown.

3. Meeting Protocol:

Chair Davey explained how the future meetings would move forward with some basic Roberts Rules of Order. There will be limited interaction with Board Members and the audience. If Members have questions, they will be directed to the Chair. Hand raising will be utilized to speak.

Approval of the Agenda: Chair Davey explained that it is his understanding that the approval of agenda does not have to have a vote on it by the Committee to approve such agenda and to move forward with that meeting. Frank stated that he believes that opens meeting laws did not apply to this group. Director Brown will check on this further.

Director Brown explained that due to confusion at another meeting, when an item is voted upon, Community Development Assistant Kim Coon will read back the motion to the committee, so that everyone is correctly informed what the item being voted upon is. After Community Development

Assistant Coon reads the motion back to the committee a formal roll call will be had.

Public comment should be directed to the chair.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Burchell stated that Bruce Vuorenmaa's last name was spelled incorrectly on the December 3, 2012 Minutes. Community Development Assistant Coon, said that she would check for the correct spelling of his name. Chair Davey also explained that the Minutes do not need to be approved.

Chairman Davey approved the Minutes with corrections.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

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Motion by True to approve the Agenda. Second by Kangas. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

Director Brown stated that he would like 48-hours notice to change the agenda and add items.

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

None

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

None.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

a. Longyear Park Donation:

Director Brown will be attending the DNR meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 and will return with some suggestions on what this Committee might see as a benefit to the park. The City received a donation of \$22,500. Director Brown suggested the Committee start to write down items that it would like to see this money used for.

Burchell to call a member of the Band Shell to see what it is they may like to see in this park. Shackleford suggested that the neighbors be contacted and asked for their opinion. Also suggested was to ask students for their opinion.

b. Review 2013 Goals:

Chairman Davey stated the policy regarding priority of trails and the Masterplan should be of high importance. Goal to be focused on motorized and non-motorized. True has a large aerial map he will bring in.

Highway 2 design – Director Brown stated that we would be looking into applying for a grant for enhancements to the project.

Frank believes that when we design trailheads, that we should be looking at neighborhood parks that could be involved in the master trail plan. A discussion ensued regarding incorporating city schools, parks, libraries, etc., into the masterplan.

Frank asked member Andresen to write out a policy on the trailheads. Andresen indicated he would write a DRAFT.

The group would like to see the Masterplan together by the time the snow ends here this season.

#### 9. Project Updates:

##### a. Norrie School Site:

Director Brown talked with Tim Kolesar. He would be interested in having something done there. What are we thinking, what do we want to do with this site? Come up with concepts and bring it up to the school. We are only looking at a portion of this property. There is a bike path there that could be tied into Norrie and into the Masterhead trail plan.

##### b. RR Grade Working Group:

Davey said that the non-motorized is done (Canadian national) is in the DNR's hands. Looks like our grant is almost approved so we will be able to start fixing or black topping this year. North-side is non-motorized and motorized is in Ironwood and the southside one is in Bessemer. Ironwood to Ramsey seeing we have been using this as a trail for at least 25-30 years, the attorney general needs to present this and state that this is ours. There are 2 property owners from Ramsey to the open pit. Both are against ATV. With the homeowner's blessing, we can go right down to grade on non-motorized

##### c. River Walk Trail:

Davey went to the Ironwood Township today and they are on board with this project. Parks and Recreation has a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month to present the concept of the River Walk trail. Parks and Recreation need to write up a synopsis. The Township will call their insurance company and make sure that their insurance will cover this. Then the trail would be put in the Township portion of the trail system.

#### 9. Other Business:

Andresen planted a seed regarding the old ski jumps around various places in town and wanted to know if informative signs could be put up. Burchell indicated that informational marking and/or historical signs are being discussed and are in process.

Because of the proximity to the fairgrounds, has any consideration been given to equestrian horse paths somewhere in the vicinity to the river walk? Should we talk to homeowners / equestrians around the area to see if that could be included. Chair Davey to talk to homeowner(s) and get input.

Frank indicated that he spoke to the insurance agent for Xcel trails that are closed. Public units cannot pay for the insurance needs for the trails, but a responsible private group can.

Frank read a letter from a mother (which was posted on the Superior Chronicle website) regarding access to the downtown stores for her handicapped son. He can't go to the Bookstore because of the snow banks and un-shoveled sidewalks. This Committee should review this for ADA and other city enforcement.

10. Next Meeting:

February 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by True. Second Andresen. Motion Carried. Adjournment 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Sam Davey, Chair

  
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Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant