



Proceedings of the Parks & Recreation Committee December 3, 2012

A regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6:00P.M. in Conference Room #1, 2nd Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

Call to Order

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

Recording of the Roll

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

Also present: Community Development Director Michael J. D. Brown. In the audience, an All Terrain Group (ATV).

3. Approval of the Month November 3, 2012 Minutes.

Motion was made by Frank, to approve the November 3, 2012 Minutes as presented. **Second** by Andresen. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by True, to approve the Agenda with the addition of items: **7g** – State trail (R. Kolesar and move this to position a), and **7h** Snow shoveling sidewalks. **Second** by Andresen **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

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

All Terrain Group (Western Upper Peninsula Association) (asked to wait until Item 7a was addressed.)

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items NOT on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit)
None



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7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. State Trails. The ATV group (Western Upper Peninsula Association) would like to have the City maintain the ATV trails. Mr. True walked the trails this last week and then presented a map and proposed a few neighborhood friendly routes to Trail #2. (See map). It is the agreement of both the City and the ATV group that all AVT'rs, snowmachiner's, homeowners and businesses be safe while travelling the neighborhoods to the trails.

There was a discussion whether or not recreational ATV trails should be allowed within City limits other than Trail #2, or if trails should be created for the purpose of accessing Trail #2.

This issue will be addressed again. Both parties will look at and assist with the Master Trail plan development – a plan that all can be proud of.

- b. Updates to the Parks & Recreation Bylaws

Director Brown presented the revisions to the Bylaws.

Motion by Kangas to accept changes as presented with the Parks and Recreation Bylaws, **Second** Davey. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

- c. Update Sign at Patterson Tennis Courts (Luppino)

Director Brown presented Mr. Luppino's requested that a pink and white sign be erected at the Patterson Tennis Courts for Mr. Luppino's contribution of asphalt. Discussion ensued with an idea of a plaque including all donors' names (those donors that would like to have their names on a plaque – some wish to remain anonymous).

Motion by Andresen to send this matter up to the City Commission to thank the donors. **Second** was by Davey. **Motion Carried 6 – 1** with Frank dissenting.

- d. Longyear Park Donation

Mr. Brown stated that a donation was received for \$22,000. What would Parks and Recreation like to see upgraded?

- 1) Handicap accessibility
- 2) Restrooms (such as an enclosure for port-a-potty)
- 3) Handicap accessible curbing
- 4) Picnic benches or tables.



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Director Brown is attending a grants seminar in mid-January 2013, ahead of the due date of April for the grant. He will see what is being looked for in grants and report back to the Committee for more input on this matter.

- e. Director Brown led a goal setting session for 2013. (See attached compilation)
- f. Old Landfill Site – French Town Road
Currently houses the model airplane flying club. Find out how much time the Club currently uses the field. The model airplane club were to have brought in a Fly-In convention and that has not happened. Could there be other uses for this such as a dog park?
- g. Snow shoveling on Sidewalks

Steve Frank presented this item. He believes that the sidewalks should be shoveled by the residents. If we are to support the Safe Routes to School program as well as other needs, snow shoveling needs to happen. In 2011, one person was killed and one was injured. Just a week ago another serious injury occurred on US2 and Wemple when the person was walking in the road instead of the sidewalk. Shackelford indicated sidewalks on more heavily travelled streets may need to be plowed as opposed to all sidewalks.

Motion by Frank to have the City draft a shoveling ordinance and enforce it. **Second** by Vuorenma. **Motion Carried 6 – 1** with Kangas dissenting.

8. Project Updates:

Norrie School Site

Director Brown stated that ideas are being presented for a playground area and how the City and school district can work together.

RR Grade Working Group In process

River Walk Trail In process

9. Other Business:

Frank announced that the City/DIDA is going to be submitting an infrastructure grant. Maybe this could entail an improved city parking lot near the Dance Studio; new lighting and paving.

Motion by Davey to pave and light the parking lot near the Dance Studio. **Second** by Frank. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**



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Director Brown announced that the City has been recommended for funding from the DNR for 599 miles of bike trail installed from Wisconsin to Michigan.

Motion by Andresen that a letter be sent to the Governor in support of safe biking, hiking and walking trails. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 6 - 1.** Frank dissented.

Director Brown presented the US2 update with regards to the number of lanes. The State of Michigan would like to hear the City's thoughts on the number of lanes and other policy issues by the end of December 2012.

Motion by Frank that 3-lanes with center turn lane, curbing and sidewalk be recommended to the City Planners and Commissioners. **Second** by Davey. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

Committee suggests a meeting between Planning and the City Commissioners take place to discuss US2.

10. Next Meeting: January 7, 2013

11. Adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Motion by True to adjourn. Second by Davey. Motion Carried 7 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant