



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, April 22, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, April 22, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting Virtual Application.

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		
Paul Kostelnik	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting		X	X	
Mary Grace Loreti	X			
Linda Jindrich	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring		X	X	
	6	2		

Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Kangas. Motion carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Jindrich to approve the Agenda. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 6 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): None.

7. Items for discussion and consideration:

A. Update on Little League Field Playground Project.

I. Director Bergman turned in the application to the DNR. Supplemental information is being accepted on the project.

B. Recommend selection of contractor for playground North of US2.

1. Erickson presented the top four playgrounds.

Motion by Davey to recommend to the City Commission to accept the bid for Option 3 of Penchura with looking into the cost of an ADA swing to be added to the project. Second by Kirchoff. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

C. Update on mountain bike trail along Iron Belle Trail.

I. Director Bergman discussed partnering with various organizations to build a mile trail along the Iron Belle Trail. He discussed a planning project being worked on for Mt. Zion.

D. 2021 Goals.

I. Develop Playground Priority List (Complete).

a. Complete.

II. Annual Workshop with City Commission (Schedule for Summer).

a. Director Bergman stated that this can be looked at when the City allows in person public meetings.

III. Parks and Rec User Summit.

a. Director Bergman talked about revisiting this when social distancing regulations are relaxed. He discussed the potential to do a survey. Davey suggested adding it to the City's quarterly newsletter.

IV. Invasive Species Grant Opportunities.

a. Director Bergman said that he will be looking for a grant opportunity in the Fall. He discussed doing removal along with the mountain bike trail construction. Loreti asked about the Montreal River trail as a potential project. Kangas brought up a buckthorn infestation along the Norrie Park board walk. Bergman discussed doing a walkthrough of the parks to identify priority sites. Bergman said that he will contact Ian Shackleford and invite him to a meeting to discuss what it takes to remove buckthorn.

V. Volunteer Coordination.

- a. Director Bergman said that this item needs to be discussed more. The Committee discussed finding more younger volunteers by identifying projects and organizations and marketing those needs to the public.

VI. Lighted Ski Trail.

- a. Director Bergman received contact information to an Xcel Energy representative.

E. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

I. Strategy 4.5 Define and Construct Priority Trail Improvements (Regional Trail to Miners and Beltline).

a. Update on Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Project.

- i. Director Bergman said that the items have been completed but need to be uploaded to the web portal. He has been in contact with the property owners.

b. Update on Mountain Bike Trail Development in Miners Memorial Heritage Park.

- i. Director Bergman said that the City has awarded a bid to flow track from Marquette, Michigan. The project will be complete in 2022. The parking lot and connector trails bids have been received. He stated that the project is close to budget and will be constructed in 2021.

c. Update on Curry Park upgrade phase 2

- i. Director Bergman said that he needs to upload the project agreement into the web portal.

II. Strategy 5.4(a) Strengthen and Implement the Master Plan for Miners Memorial Heritage Park (MMHP).

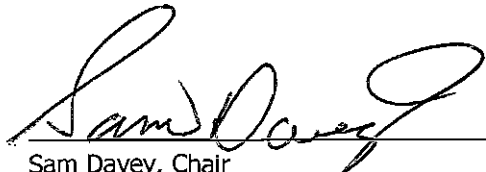
- a. No update

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment: Motion by Jindrich to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 6 to 0. Adjournment at 5:36 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant