



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, June 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, June 6, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938.

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			
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Linda Jindrich	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring	X			
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman, Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Jindrich. Motion carried 7 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Agenda. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 7 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): Sharlene Shaffer addressed the Committee and brought up the need for a closer entrance to the butterfly garden. She is asking for access to the nature trail by access through the compost site entrance. The Committee agreed to discuss at the next meeting.
7. Items for discussion and consideration.
8. Discussion on Safe Routes to School/Iron Belle Trail: Davey asked about stop signs that need to be installed along the trail. Davey passed out a letter from the Ironwood Area Schools. Davey discussed the need to redirect motorized traffic so that the safe routes to school can be utilized by pedestrian traffic. The Committee agreed to physically look at the potential routes.
9. Ironwood Depot Pavilion: Davey brought up the need to the idea of placing a curfew in the pavilion at the Depot. He would also like the picnic tables chained together and to a pillar. Bergman brought up limiting WIFI at the depot. Jindrich talked about encouraging community policing at the depot. Nezworski asked for the signs to specifically say no trespassing and to have a specific cut off time. Bergman will create some direction to bring back to the Committee.
10. Discussion on City Bike Racks: Davey asked for the bike racks to be installed.

A. 2022 goal settings.

- I. Cemetery Historical Walk: Kangas will bring up to Ivan Hellen to get started.
- II. Forest Management Plan: Director Bergman had a meeting with the Gogebic Conservation District Forester to provide an RFP for the City of Ironwood.
- III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event): No update.
- IV. Lighted Ski Trail: Director Bergman is waiting to hear from the DNR.
- V. Pickleball Courts-NEP Grant Opportunity: Director Bergman discussed the specifics of the grant and the Committee discussed other potential locations.

B. Motorized Update – GRTA: Nezworski is getting designation from Hurley to the State Line Trail.

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

- I. Strategy 4.5 Define and Construct Priority Trail Improvements (Project Updates for MMHP MTB Trails, Curry Park, Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition, Norrie Park Renovation and Water Trail): There is about 7000 feet of MTB trail installed in Miners Park. Curry Park will be upgraded at the end of Summer. Bergman is making progress with the railroad company with the Southern Beltline Trail. Norrie Park Water Trail project agreement is in place.
- II. Miners Memorial Heritage Park Update: No update.

11. Other Business: Jindrich asked about the selfie stands.

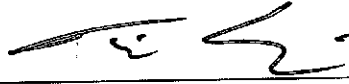
12. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

13. **Adjournment: Motion by Kostelnik to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nezworski. Motion Carried 7 to 0. Adjournment at 6:03 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant