



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday July 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, July 7, 2014 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			
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			
	8	Quorum		

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

3. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion by Anderson to nominate Same Davey as Chair. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

Motion by Davey to nominate Tom Kangas as Vice-Chair. **Second** by Vuorenmaa. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Wamhoff to approve the June 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

5. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Anderson to accept the Agenda. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

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

Bill Martell, 647 Huron Street, wanted to know when the little league field was first discussed with the City and wanted to know what measures it would take to eliminate dust, noise and snow issues to his property.

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

None

8. Park Financials: Financials were not available for review. Committee would like monthly maintenance reports from Park Supervisor.

9. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Resolution 2014-026 recommending adoption of the Park & Recreation Plan:

Motion by Davey to approve Resolution 2014-026. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

- b. Little League Field Concept Plan: Director Brown presented the plan and explained the City Commission would take action on July 14, 2014. Planning Commission has already reviewed and provided a recommendation to approve the plan.

Jeff Wiener from the Little League group was there to present the plan.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding location of the playground, whether fill was needed, rearrangement of the parking lot area and whether the multi-use trail was needed.

Motion by Burchell to recommend approval of the Little League Concept Plan to the City Commission. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

- c. Mt. Zion: Director Brown met with Jim Lorensen of Gogebic Community College (GCC) and Allan Baron of Ironwood Township regarding the project. Both approve of the ideas and want to be a part of the project. GCC may be able to assist with design and construction through class projects.

Motion by Davey to request City clear brush and trees prior to long eared bat surveys are required. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

- d. Dog Park Update: Director Brown indicated he met with a couple members of the model airplane club to learn about the club. He didn't discuss the interest in using the land as a dog park at that time, but will continue to stay in touch with the club. Director Brown suggested the City look at other locations for a dog park due to the requirements the club has for land and space to work with the model airplanes.

- e. Art Park Update: Director Brown informed the Committee the DIDA and DAP have been working on a concept drawing for an art park for the City owned property in downtown between Book World and Mattson's.

10. Project Updates:

- a. Goals: The 2014 goals of the Parks and Recreation Committee were reviewed.

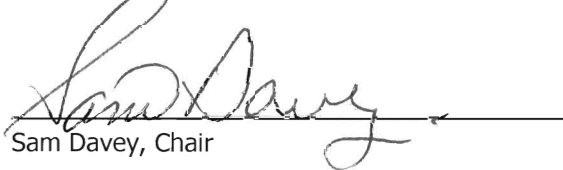
11. Other Business:

- a. Vuorenmaa would like a bench outside of Brewster's. The Committee also asked when the bike racks would be installed in downtown. Director Brown indicated that public works reviewed it and because of the large size of the racks, it has been difficult to place them, other options are being looked into.

12. Next Meeting: August 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

13. Adjournment: **Motion** by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Michael J.D. Brown, Community Development Director