



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday June 3, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Andresen, Will		X	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			

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

**Motion** by Kangas to accept the Minutes of May 6, 2013. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 4 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

No action.

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. Park and Recreation Financials: Director Brown displayed Director Linn's Parks Budget. He stated that if the Committee has more questions, that Mr. Linn should be contacted directly. Frank stated that he is deeply troubled looking at this budget.

There is over \$20,000 in fringes and wages in the budget. Mowing is separate. Frank wants to know what is being done by Parks and Recreation. Norrie Park's big storm was last year and there is a public citizen who went out and cleaned up the park. What is being maintained in Longyear? What about Hiawatha? What is the \$1000 in Miscellaneous category? He said the basketball net at Curry Park is missing. This means that the Park and Recreation person is not driving around looking at maintenance.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Depot Park Pavilion Fee: Director Brown said the Committee addressed this last month and that the Committee wanted to think about the fee and bring this back this meeting. Davey said there should be a fee for the Preparation Area to cover the clean-up.

Kangas stated we should have no fee for the rest of the year to encourage the Boy Scouts or Dance Club to use it. Next year then we should seriously consider a fee for the Preparation Area.

Burchell said that this would be nice for a grand opening idea. Davey said to make sure that when this is publicized that the public knows that the no fee would be for this year only and that next year fees would apply.

Burchell thinks that having a reservation for the Preparation area would be a good idea. The reservations would be arranged through the Clerk's Office.

**Motion** by Davey to charge a \$75 cleaning deposit fee for the Kitchen Preparation Area. This would be a refundable deposit if the person using the Kitchen Preparation Area has not cleaned the Preparation area. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 4 to 0. (Note: Monie Shackelford Arrived at 5:12 p.m.)**

Frank brought up the alcohol issue – is there an alcohol law on the books for Parks? Director Brown to research this and get back to the Committee next meeting.

- b. Amendment By-Laws regarding meeting time change from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Motion** by Frank to change the Park and Recreation Committee meeting time as stated in the By-Laws from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 4 to 0.**

- c. Hiawatha: Davey stated that Hiawatha is in terrible disarray. There are bird feces all over the statue. Davey asked who owns Hiawatha and who maintains him? Kangas said the 50-year anniversary of the statue is coming up next year. Frank indicated that there is concrete all around the see-saw and that the City has decided to also use the area as a snow dump. Davey will check with the Chamber and see what the plans are for Hiawatha.
- d. Xcel Energy Fill Area: Director Brown explained Xcel Energy is doing construction work. There is a depression, and as part of their construction, they want to fill this area in and flatten it out. It would improve drainage and improve safety as well. Director Brown stated that Xcel would be seeding this area also. No action needed.

9. Other Project Updates: Director Brown stated that Member True had asked him to do an update on the Civic Center. (Marion True and Bruce Vuorenmaa arrived at 5:51 p.m.)

The Depot Park project is moving along and is on schedule.

10. Other Business: Kangas stated the Chief of Police needs the okay to open Mt. Zion gates. Longyear Park slide area need wood chips. Director Brown will talk to Parks and Recreation Supervisor about the wood chips and getting the gates open at Mt. Zion. Frank does not understand why those gates are closed in the evening. Frank wants to know if the gates could be open all year around.

Frank also had concerns about Norrie Park. All the wood brought in for the SISU is still there.

Frank said the old playground equipment at Norrie Park should be removed.

The trees blown down in Norrie Park last year are still there. There are large holes in the ground and nothing has been done to rectify those items this year.

Frank suggested that the maintenance people should not mow so close to the river. The lawnmowers are sinking into very soft ground.

Hiawatha is nothing to be proud of. This is the main tourist attraction for Ironwood.

When are the flower baskets going up in Downtown? The Downtown is not dressed up. In many towns and cities their main buildings are spruced up for the summer.

The grass is sinking at the Sewer project area (Hiawatha). This should be fixed.

The Ayer Street Park net for the basketball hoop is missing.

When are the bike racks going out? Director Brown stated this issue was brought up at Staff meeting this morning. The one's that need to be bolted out are in the process of being bolted. The moveable ones are out.

Angelo Luppino's semi truck on Ayer Street is still parked there. Why can't he be ticketed? It's blocking the sidewalk.

In the Dance Company lot, after City clean-up day, is a mess. This needs to be rectified. Director Brown indicated that this was brought up at Staff meeting this morning.

Speeding is a huge concern in every neighborhood.

Little League fence bids are out. Parks and Recreation have never seen this request. Shackelford said a grant could have been received for this project. There is nothing in the five-year plan for the fence. (**Note, Marion True and Bruce Vuorenmaa arrived at 5:51 p.m.**) What is going on with this project?

Shackelford indicated that the safe routes to school walk tour was last week. It went well.

Frank indicated that crosswalks need to be painted by fall for the schools and parks.

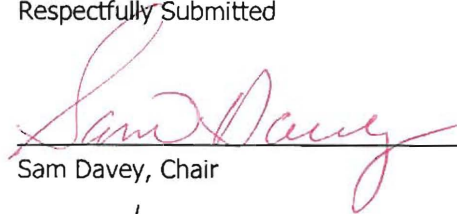
11. Next Meeting:

August 5, 2013.

12. Adjournment:

**Motion** by Frank. **Second by** Burchell. **Motion** Carried 6 to 0. Adjournment 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



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Sam Davey, Chair



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Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant