



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday July 1, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, July 1, 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		
Anderson, Paul	X			
Burchell, Annette	X			
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce		X	X	
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Burchell to accept the Minutes of June 3, 2013. **Second** by Kangas. Abstaining were Anderson and Wamhoff as they were not at last month's meeting. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by True to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

5. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: **Motion** by Kangas to elect Sam Davey to Chair. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

Motion by Davey to nominate Tom Kangas for Vice-Chair. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

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

None

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

None.

8. Park and Recreation Financials: Director Brown displayed Director Linn's Park Maintenance Budget. He stated that if the Committee has more questions, that Mr. Linn should be contacted directly. Director Brown stated that this Committee does not have actual funds that it can spend.

9. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Depot Park picnic/chess table painting (Chair Davey): Davey has been working with the Chess Club here in town to find a table. Lew Coon has an idea and will take Davey to look at Forslund's. Mr. Coon will find a way to buy this table. Davey would like Mr. Coon to come on Saturday's and teach chess. Director Brown said it was discussed at Staff meeting and Mr. Alonen about a table for the park. **Motion** by Burchell to look for a wooden table for chess. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion carried 6 to 0.** Davey commented as an aside that he was wondering if there was a handicapped table at the Depot as he has not seen one.
- b. Surplus Property Sale Request: The City of Ironwood has two requests at this time, the first being 651 Huron by Tanja Sanders and she wants to purchase the vacant lot next to her for a possible garage in the future. Dennis Hewitt provided a Memo regarding the request. She is offering \$500.00. Mr. Hewitt believes that the properties were purchased when real estate prices were much higher. This will also go to the Planning Commission on Tuesday and onto the City of Ironwood Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding the trail and the new little league field that are nearby this property. Davey stated that he would like to get the Little League people and City of Ironwood Staff to the site and further discuss this issue.

Kangas stated that he does not want to set precedence of \$500 for each piece of surplus property.

Burchell thought that there was a freeze on sale of surplus property until a further review could take place. Davey thought that this was on open-zoned property only, not personal real estate. Director Brown indicated that the current price is set at \$35.00 per foot.

Wamhoff wanted to know if this list was made public (such as on the website). Director Brown said that it is on file with Dennis Hewett in the Assessor's office. Burchell will provide Director Brown with a number and/or email for the Little League Field.

The second property is at 505 Southwest Street, (PC Case 2013-005), owned by Mr. Jerome F. Suzik who is present tonight in the audience. This property is not on the surplus property list but is owned by the City. Mr. Suzik is interested in purchasing the property on the west end of his 124' 88" lot on the Clemens field side. He has taken care of this property since 1972. Director Brown stated he has received two requests for this property and that the parties are willing to work together on this and purchase different parts of it. An appraisal and title search would need to be accomplished on this piece of real estate.

Mr. Suzik spoke briefly and indicated that this property could not be built on due to numerous out of commission water and sewer lines are there, as well as a railroad grade.

Motion by Burchell to move this property to the Planning Commission and then forward to the City of Ironwood Commission. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

- c. Comprehensive Plan/Park & Recreation Plan: Director Brown indicated that the City of Ironwood Commissions approved \$70,000 for the Comprehensive Plan. Director Brown explained that the Parks and Recreation plan is due to be updated also during this time, and suggested that the Parks and Recreation plan be done at the same time as the Comprehensive Plan. **Motion** by Davey to approve coordinating/implementing the Parks and Recreation Plan with the Comprehensive Plan. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

- d. Communication with Ironwood Organizations (True)

True brought up the fact that it would be a good idea to at least once a year get all of the groups and organizations together for a meeting. It could be advertised by publishing in the newspaper and would be an open meeting for anyone wishing to attend.

10. Project Updates:

City of Ironwood City Center Bonding: The specifications for the bid is currently in draft and Scott Erickson, City of Ironwood Manager is coordinating. Paul Linn is completing the Financial Qualifications Section for the bonding of \$275,000 to assist with the ice making equipment.

Depot Park: Depot Park has already had vandalism and it has been removed. The site work needs to be completed and should be done soon. A grant needs to be gotten for replacing a number of the items cut from the budget. Davey said two light poles are on backorder. Benches and bike racks are out. The volleyball courts are up and being used. Netting will be put up at the Volleyball courts to help keep the volley balls out of the streets.

Norrie Park: Paul Garthwaite, Eagle Boy Scout laid down new wood-chip in the Norrie Park trails. It was a much larger job than was estimated; however it has been completed.

Longyear Park is being destroyed by vandals; the band area is being kicked in and destroyed, so the City of Ironwood is putting up a live web cam to stream to the police department. Director Brown explained to Anderson that a grant has been submitted for equipment for the park.

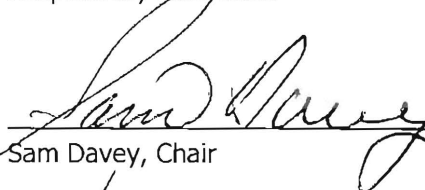
Kangas would like to see a camera installed on Mt. Zion. Other Business: Anderson asked for an brief explanation of the grants the City of Ironwood has applied for.

11. Next Meeting: August 5, 2013.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by True. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted


Sam Davey, Chair


Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant