



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

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, August 5, 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	X	
Burchell, Annette	X			
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown. In the audience was Jeff Wieneri from the Ironwood Little League, as well as Mr. Hudacek.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Wamhoff to accept the Minutes of July 1, 2013. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by True to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Vuorenmaa. **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. Little League Group Representative:

Jeff Wiener of the Ironwood Little League spoke to the Committee. The Little League has been busy putting in a new access road and parking. They have also laid grass seed and have already cut the grass. Jeff indicated that ATV's and motorbikes keep tearing up the new softball field. Concerning the garage that is proposed being placed next to the field, Jeff stated that the garage should not affect the trail and should not affect the Safe Routes to School.

8. Park and Recreation Financials: Director Brown displayed Director Linn's Park Income Statement. He stated that if the Committee has more questions, that Mr. Linn should be contacted directly.

The Deer Hunt in the City of Ironwood was brought up at this time. Currently the Deer Hunt in Miners Park runs October 1 through December 31. The Committee would like to have the hunt end November 30, so that the grooming of the cross country trails can begin. Karen Gullan, City of Ironwood Clerk handles this and Director Brown will speak with her about the hunt and have it put on next month's agenda.

9. Items for discussion and consideration:

a. Xcel Energy Easement:

Dawn Schultz from Xcel was present and explained that Xcel is requesting a 70' wide easement, 35' on each side through City of Ironwood property at Bonnie and Ayer. Ms. Schultz explained that this is a prescriptive easement at this time, and needs to be a formal easement for this double voltage line. Davey stated that this is zoned open City of Ironwood property.

Inquiry was made by Shackelford if that Pole #55 could be moved across the street as this is where the entrance to the Miner's Trail will be, along with the parking. Schultz said that this is not normally done.

Schultz explained that payments for easements are based on a number of factors. For normal easements, the amount could be \$250 to \$500. Ms. Schultz might be able to get the remuneration increased. The calculation would approximately be 25% of the fee value (\$3,000) or \$1,178.00. (Being this is in the historic area of "G" Shaft).

Motion by Davey to recommend to the City Commission to grant the easement to Xcel; to move the pole to the east side of the road if a new pole is required and is feasible based on engineering, plus obtain the extra funding to fence in "G" Shaft area and request an easement for trail use adjacent the Alfred Wright Blvd Xcel station. **Second** by Burchell. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

b. Huron Street Surplus Property (Sanders): The Little League would like to keep the access road on the east side of the property for access and also the Safe Routes to School program.

Motion by Davey to sell the property to Sanders, but with a 15' minimum corridor next to the trail to keep it available for the Safe Routes to School as well as the Little League. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**

c. Clemens Street Property (Hudacek): Mr. Hudacek spoke. Davey said that he had found out that this piece of property is zoned open, and not on the Surplus Property listing as first thought. Mr. Hudacek would like to put a trail through to his garage. It is believed by the Committee that there is an old rail road spur there, so the City of Ironwood may or may not have ownership of the property. If the property were to be sold to Mr. Hudacek, it would be under the same conditions as the "Suzak" property, which would included Mr. Hudacek paying for the title search, deeds, and all other paperwork associated with obtaining clear title.

Motion by Davey to table this matter until we have a better idea of what Mr. Hudacek wants as far as property lines, and that the City of Ironwood has a better idea of where the railroad rights of way would be. Mr. Davey would voice this to the Planning Committee on August 7, 2013.

10. Project Updates:

Comprehensive Plan: Director Brown stated the proposals will be opened and the review begun on Friday, August 9, 2013. Director Brown encouraged all members of the Parks and Recreation Committee to participate in the community input portion of the Plan.

11. Other Business:

Civic Center: Director Brown indicated that the bids were to be awarded on August 12, 2013. The financing statement has been approved by the State and Director Linn is going to the bank for financing.

Chess Table and Boards: Davey indicated that a table has been purchased by Lew Coon, as well as three chess boards. The table will be routed to hold the boards and sealed.

Depot Park Use: Davey stated that when he was walking the other night that there was music being played in the Park. There are always people playing volleyball and using the park.

Governor Snyder Visit is August 12, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. It was commented that the volleyball nets protecting the ball from rolling into the street be removed.

Norrie Park Playground: The chips are turning black near the playground equipment. Director Brown will make Neal Corcoran aware.

Burchell commented that there is no bike rack in the center of the block where the Downtown Art Place is. It was suggested that the bike rack could be placed on Lowell street on the side of the building. There is also a place between Mattson's and Book World. Davey indicated that none of the bike racks are in place yet; however, he doesn't know why. He will check and let the committee know that status of the installations.

Burchell also brought up the dog feces in the Pocket Park. The Committee would like to see signs regarding the issue as well as a dispenser for baggies to be used to pick up the problem.

12. Next Meeting: September 5, 2013.

13. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant