



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday March 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Development Conference Room, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Davey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Andresen, Will	X			
Burchell, Annette		X	x	
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Frank, Steve	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting		X	X	
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce		X	X	X KBC

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown and Will Corcoran from Festival Ironwood.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Frank to accept the Minutes of February 4, 2013. **Second** by Andreson. **Motion Carried 5 – 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Andresen to approve the Agenda. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 5 - 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. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

a. Will Corcoran discussed Festival Ironwood:

Corcoran expressed that the Pavillion was not just built for Festival Ironwood and gave an update as to last year's large crowds and activities.

This year Festival Ironwood will still have a car show.

Parking is going to be brought up a lot from the vendors to patrons. This year the Festival is doing some very different things and will probably bring criticisms.

Davey stated that the weather could be a problem; however a tarp will be put on the Pavillion to extend it.

Discussion was had about sand volleyball courts. Frank was concerned that Manny's used to have volleyball courts but no longer. He stated that there is no interest in having volleyball courts and is not an efficient use of that space. He is more in favor of putting basketball hoops downtown.

True stated that he would rather see Norrie Park with the volleyball courts because of restroom space and picnic space. However, his first choice would be to have it at Don & GGi's restaurant.

Corcoran has basic prices to put in a volleyball court. Davey stated that there is no money in the Park's budget nor the cities. Davey doesn't think it would hurt to try this.

Davey stated that the Park will be finished before Festival Ironwood. Questions were had that if the volleyball court did not succeed, who is responsible to removing it? This is not an easy, reversible position per Frank.

Motion by Davey to approve the Volleyball Courts with no costs to the City to erect the courts, nor any costs to the City if this volleyball court should have to be removed. The **Motion** also includes a recommendation that this matter be sent to the City Commission. **Second** by Andresen. **Motion carried 4 to 1** with Frank dissenting.

Tom Kangas commented and commended Festival Ironwood for presenting a great program every year.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

a. Longyear Park/Norrie School Site:

Davey stated that the older playground equipment from Longyear will move to Norrie School Site from Longyear. We have the grant for Longyear. No action needs to be taken tonight on the item. Frank stated that whatever we do, handicap accessibility (unified play) is a must. Director Brown stated that the Grant is due April 1, 2013 and would be presented to the City Commission on Monday, March 11, 2013. The issue of putting a City Park at the Norrie School Site still needs to be discussed with the School District. Parks and Recreation directed Director Brown to begin discussion with the School District about the site.

b. 2013 Budget Items:

Davey stated that the Committee can not have an actual budget. The Committee would like to ask the City Commission for some small amount of money, say for putting up basketball hoops or other small projects. The Committee asked Director Brown to approach the City Commission regarding a small amount of money for this Committee.

c. US 2 South Side Sidewalk:

All of the sidewalks on the south side of US2 will be removed and if the City wants them reinstalled, they City will have to pay for it.

Motion by Andresen to instruct the City Staff to discuss with the State that the south sidewalk not be replaced and that the City maintain the North sidewalk all four seasons. No southside to be added in. **Second** by Frank. **Motion Carried 4 to 1** with True dissenting.

Question was had by Frank regarding reducing the speed limit. Discussion was had reducing the speed limit from 25mph or to 35mph.

Motion by Frank to instruct City Staff to strongly advocate to the State to reduce the speed to 25mph. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 5 to 0.**

9. Project Updates:

- a. Master Trail Plan: This plan is not done yet. Davey hopes to bring the preliminary plan to the next meeting for discussion regarding motorized and non-motorized trails.

10. Other Business: (Schackleford arrived 6:59 p.m.)

- a. Andresen stated that the Riverwalk project is moving ahead. Hurley, Kimball and Montreal are all getting on board with this project. Davey stated that the Ironwood Township Board is in agreement with this. A regional trail fund has been had with these towns and they seem to support this idea at this time.

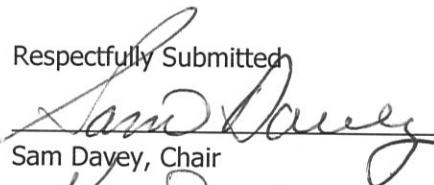
11. Next Meeting:

April 1, 2013.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by True. **Second** Andresen. **Motion** Carried. Adjournment 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant