



## Proceedings of the Parks & Recreation Committee November 5, 2012 Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room #1, 2nd Floor, 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

Will Andresen	Present
Annette Burchell	Absent
Sam Davey III	Present
Steve Frank	Present
Thomas Kangas	Present
Marion True	Absent
Vacancy	

Monie Shackelford (Ex-Officio) Present

Also present: Commissioners Joseph Cayer and Rick Semo; Community Development Director Michael J. D. Brown and guests.

3. Approval of the October 1, 2012 Minutes

*Motion was made by Frank, seconded by Kangas, to approve the October 1, 2012 minutes as presented. **Motion passed 4-0.***

4. Approval of the Agenda

*Motion was made by Kangas, seconded by Frank, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8e: Appointment. **Motion passed 4-0.***

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

There were none.

6. Audience

There were none.

7. Items for Consideration

a. No Smoking Ordinance

Director Brown presented his memo and discussed the exceptions the City Commission wanted the Committee to consider. Discussion ensued among the Committee members. Committee members agreed they didn't want to see the ordinance modified.



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*Motion was made by Frank, seconded by Kangas, to approve Ordinance 496, Book 4 City of Ironwood Tobacco-Free Parks Ordinance as previously recommended to the City Commission. **Motion passed 4-0.***

### 8. Items for Discussion

#### a. Access Plan for Motorized Trails (Rick Semo)

Commissioner Semo presented a map of proposed routes for motorized trails along with a written summary of the plan. Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns, working with the ATV and snowmobile groups, enforcement, and economic impacts of trails. The Committee agreed a master trail plan is necessary in order to make informed decisions but agreed the discussion is a good starting point.

#### b. Review Park & Recreation Plan

Director Brown presented a table that listed the goals from the Park & Recreation Plan for discussion. Director Brown asked the Committee what goals it wanted to set for 2013. Committee member Frank indicated he would like to see a number of items addressed that were identified in the table. All members agreed that a master trail plan was very important. The Committee decided to review the plan and goals for the next meeting in order to select two or three goals to pursue in 2013.

#### c. Longyear Park Donation

Committee will discuss at a future meeting.

#### d. Norrie School Land Swap

*Motion was made by Frank, seconded by Andresen, for staff to discuss the land swap concept with the School District. **Motion passed 4-0.***

#### e. Appointment

Committee member Frank indicated he was disappointed that the most recent applicant for the Parks & Recreation Committee was not appointed; Committee member Davey concurred.

### 9. Project Updates

- a. Monthly Report for October was presented. Committee commented it would like more of a budget to work from to complete projects.
- b. Norrie Park playground equipment is installed.
- c. Bike racks have been delivered.
- d. Railroad Grade Technical Working Group is still meeting and working toward acquiring more property.



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- e. River Walk Trails map was presented by Committee member Andresen and an update was provided on the process.
- f. Highway 2 Director Brown indicated staff is meeting with the Michigan Department of Transportation to determine a date for a public informational meeting about the project on Highway 2.
- g. Gas Plant is complete for the year and the Environmental Protection Agency will be back in the spring of 2013 to finalize the area.

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

There were none.

### 11. Other Business

Committee member Frank commented street lights are needed along Ayer Street near the Ironwood Dance Studio as well as some of the downtown parking lots.

Director Brown discussed the discrepancy between the resolution that created the Committee and its by-laws. Attorney Michael Pope has provided a solution and Director Brown will bring back a revision at the next meeting.

### 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. D. Brown, Community Development Director