



Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, January 12, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Paul Anderson - Chair	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Marion True	X			
Bruce Vuorenmaa	X			
Linda Jindrich	X			
Paul Kostelnik	X			
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Also present, Community Development Director Tom Bergman Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Davey to approve the amended December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Kostelnik.
Motion carried 7 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Davey to approve the agenda. **Second** by Jindrich. **Motion carried 7 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. Items for discussion and consideration:

- A. Discuss and Consider the sale of city parcel on Ayer St. to Gogebic County Community Mental Health: Director Bergman introduced the project and presented the attached documents.

Motion by Davey to recommend the sale of the property to the City Commission. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

- B. Discussion of Ottawa Forest Products Log Yard Expansion adjacent to Miner's Memorial Heritage Park (MMHP).: Director Bergman introduced the project and presented the attached maps. The Committee discussed screening, the building of trails, and the future vision of the park. Kostelnik passed around a page out of the miner's plan which displayed an alternative parcel.

Motion by Anderson to recommend that the proposed project be an allowable use if Ottawa Forest Products meets with a City representative and Friends of the MMHP representative and agree upon the terms of this agreement; the committee supports the following provisions of the agreement but does not limit to these provisions, screening, trail development, signing, permanent easement and a possible partnership with Ottawa Forest Products. **Second** by Davey. **Motion carried 6 to 1 with Kostelnik Opposing.**

- C. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

- I. Strategy 4.5 Define and Construct Priority Trail Improvements (Regional Trail to Miners, Beltline, and River Walk) – All Members.

- a. Director Bergman updated the committee and stated that the City is moving forward with applying for a grant to acquire the Beltline Trail. The committee discussed going through the quiet title process or to purchase title insurance.

- II. Strategy 5.4(a) Strengthen and Implement the Master Plan for Miners Memorial Heritage Park – Kostelnik.

- a. Kostelnik passed out materials and updated the Committee on what was accomplished for last year and what is planned for next year.

- III. Park Action Plan.

- a. Playground North of US Hwy 2 – Anderson, Davey, True.

1. Director Bergman discussed that he will be applying for a DNR grant for the project.

- b. Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Sign/stripe) – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True.

1. Director Bergman discussed that the City will not apply for a Rails to Trails grant for this project because of being ineligible for funding.

- c. Mt. Zion Improvements – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True, Jindrich.

1. Anderson discussed that the project will continue in the Summer and the Committee was happy to see so many people visiting the hill.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: **Motion** by Davey to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**
Adjournment at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Paul Anderson, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant