



Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, March 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, March 6, 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			
	8	0		

Also present, Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Chair Anderson addressed changes that need to be made to items 7cIIIa, 7cIIIb, and 7cIIIc and Kostelnik addressed changes to the other business section.

Motion by Davey to table the February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes and to make the following changes:

7cIIIa The Committee gave direction to Director Bergman approving the playground concept presented in the agenda packet.

7cIIIb Director Bergman discussed the grant that he had applied for through Rails to Trails Conservancy to fund road crossing signage and discussed a map that was made for a bike loop on city streets.

7cIIIc Chair Anderson stated that it is on hold until the snow melts. Davey stated that it is difficult to clear the trees at the top of the mountain each year and that a professional team may be needed to help clear in the future.

Item 8 Kostelnik stated that he met with the Gogebic Range Trail Authority and that the President is interested in continuing to work with the Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park on ORV trails. **Second** by Jindrich. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Davey to approve the amended Agenda to remove river walk from 7aI. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Kim Kolesar addressed the Committee and requested to speak. Chair Anderson stated that they can speak during the individual items.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

7. Items for discussion and consideration:

A. 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. Discuss name for Beltline Trail

1. Bergman stated that this agenda item is no longer valid because the grant application will reflect a different name. He also stated that March 13 will be the day for public comment and a resolution to be considered by the City Commission for the beltline acquisition grant and the playground north of US2. Kolesar from WUPTA asked what grant the City applied for. Bergman stated that it was a DNR acquisition grant and that property owners have not been made aware. The Committee then discussed title work that had been done. Kolesar asked that the ORV groups be involved in the trail development. Steve from GRTA stated that the DNR may have more money available for the motorized portion of the grant. Kolesar presented a map to discuss the current grade. Bergman presented a map that was used for a previous acquisition grant.

Semo left the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Director Bergman stated that the grade needs to be identified and that Easy street will be the short-term connection from the Iron Belle Trail to the Miners Memorial Heritage Park.

Steve from GRTA discussed a resolution which was passed by the City Commission designating off road trail routes and stated that the GRTA needs to see it to go over their obligations for trails in the MMHP. The Committee discussed the need for WUPTA, GRTA and MMHP to work together along with the City of Ironwood for trail development.

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

- a. Kostelnik stated that his goal is to get the plan approved by the MMHP board in the current month. Kostelnik stated that the MMHP board would like to keep the dog park on the corner of Bonnie St. and Ayer St. He then discussed some of the goals for the next year.

III. Park Action Plan.

- a. Playground North of US Hwy 2 – Anderson, Davey, True.
 1. Zion Lutheran Playground Planning (look at Playground design)
 - i. Zion Lutheran Playground planning-park naming?
 1. Director Bergman stated the name for the park in the DNR application is the North Lowell St. Playground and can be changed. He stated that he is currently drafting the application for the grant.
- b. Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Sign/stripe) – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True.
 1. Director Bergman that the concept is in draft form.
- c. Mt. Zion Improvements – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True, Jindrich.
 1. Anderson stated that it will be in construction in the Spring. Kangas talked about invasive species grants.

8. Other Business: Kostelnik asked about the wayfinding plan. Director Bergman stated that the City is applying for a grant for entrance signs on US2 and that the City is still in the planning stage. Kostelnik asked about the Ottawa Forest Products expansion. The Committee also discussed the sale of land for Gogebic County Community Mental Health. Bergman also discussed the property across the street from the MMHP and stated that a potential developer has approached the Planning Commission to request the purchase of City land.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, April 3, 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 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Paul Anderson, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant