



Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, August 7, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, August 7, 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 |
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| | YES | NO | | |
| Paul Anderson – Chair | X | | | |
| Sam Davey | X | | | |
| Tom Kangas – Vice Chair | X | | | |
| Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting | | X | X | |
| Marion True | X | | | |
| Bruce Vuorenmaa | X | | | |
| Linda Jindrich | X | | | |
| Paul Kostelnik | X | | | |
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Also present, Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the July 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Davey to approve the amended July 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Jindrich.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Davey to approve the agenda with the addition of the Iron Belle Trail to Other Business.
Second by Kostelnik. **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. Items for discussion and consideration:

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Director Bergman opened up for motions.

Motion by Davey to nominate Anderson to Chair; **second** by Kangas. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

Motion by Kangas to nominate Davey to Vice-Chair; **second** by Jindrich. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

B. Review of Parks and Recreation Priority Actions Items from the Comprehensive Plan: Director Bergman went over the priority action items from the Comprehensive Plan and allowed the Committee to revisit the priorities but suggested that the Committee keep focus with the trail development. The Committee discussed ways to get tourists to the area and discussed potential funding for projects. Chair Anderson stated that he would like to see the items that weren't completed and asked to see them at the next meeting to vote on priorities he also suggested to email ideas to Tom to discuss for updating the priority action program.

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 and Beltline) – All Members.

a. Director Bergman stated that he is working with property owners and the rail road company about acquisition.

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

a. Kostelnik gave an update of the park.

III. Park Action Plan.

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

i. Director Bergman stated that nothing has changed since being applying for the grant.

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

i. Director Bergman talked about the Gogebic Range Health Foundation grant.

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

i. Director Bergman stated that the committee overseeing the improvements hasn't met.


8. Other Business: Davey discussed the need for closures to a few ATV crossings on the Iron Belle Trail for pedestrian safety, and noted the ability for ATV's to use City streets for crossings.

Motion by Davey to request the City Commission to close four ATV crossings on the Iron Belle Trail; two on W. Frederick one on E. Frederick, to eliminate motorizes access to the safe routes to school grade, and to provide a stop sign on the trail crossing going to Red's Auto and two stop signs on the trail crossing going to Hobby Wheel and Subway; **second** by Jindrich. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

9. Next Meeting: September 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: **Motion** by Davey to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Jindrich. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**
Adjournment at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Paul Anderson, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant