

## Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee Monday, May 6, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Vice-Chair Kangas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT YES NO		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Paul Kostelnik	Х			
Sam Davey	Х			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair		X	X	
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting	Х			
Vacant				
Linda Jindrich		X		X
Randy Kirchoff	Х			
John Brottlund	Х			
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Also present, Community Development Specialist, Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the April 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

## Motion by Kostelnik to approve the April 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Second by Jindrich. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

## Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Agenda. Second by Kirchoff. Motion carried 4 to 0.

- 5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items <u>on</u> the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
- 6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items <u>not</u> on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

- 7. Items for discussion and consideration:
  - A. Discussion on Depot Park Smoking Ban and Festival Ironwood.
    - I. Director Bergman talked about the current ban on Depot Park. The Committee discussed the potential need for a designated smoking area for Festival Ironwood. Director Bergman asked the Committee if they thought that it was an issue. The Committee decided to reach out to the Festival committee to discuss.
  - B. Signage for Norrie Park Disc Golf.
    - I. Erickson talked about a board with guidelines and a map to display to help with potential conflicts with park users. The Committee discussed a course etiquette sign as a priority to be revisited at the next meeting. Corcoran discussed the need for some maintenance on the Norrie Park trails. Director Bergman stated that there is a lot of opportunity for Norrie Park. Kangas asked if Bergman can look at where Norrie Park sits as a priority in the Comprehensive Plan. Director Bergman talked about potentially addressing some of the Norrie Park issues with the completion of the beltline trail.
  - C. Sledding Hill Discussion.
    - I. The Committee discussed the potential of a new sledding hill by the old landfill site behind the Little League Field. Kangas asked for more suggested locations.
  - D. 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).
      - a. Update on Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Project.
        - i. Director Bergman stated that the title information has been completed and will be sent to the DNR to allow the City to go on to the next step. The DNR gave comments for Director Bergman to address. Director Bergman talked about rolling in the rest of the acquisition into the phase one grant if money was left over.
      - b. Update on Neighborhood Enhancement Grant (Trail Connections).
        - i. Director Bergman said that he walked it and flagged it. He said that the grant agreement will be signed this week. Kangas said that the Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park had a meeting to discuss what to do with the trail once it crosses Frenchtown road.
      - c. Update on Mountain Bike Trail Development in Miners Memorial Heritage Park.
        - i. Director Bergman said that he is looking at getting the grant agreement next month. He talked about a mountain bike conference that he attended in Bentonville, Arkansas. He talked about working

with the Friends of the park to go over the trail locations after the contractor has had a chance to go through the project. Kostelnik discussed the need to place some fencing on a few holes in the park. Director Bergman talked about the need to connect the trail to the downtown for economic reasons. The trails will be beginner to intermediate difficulty so that families and kids can use the trail. Kostelnik talked about the need to have trail signage numbering system for first responders to help injured people.

- II. Strategy 5.4(a) Strengthen and Implement the Master Plan for Miners Memorial Heritage Park (MMHP).
  - a. No action.
- III. Park Action Plan.
  - a. Playground North of US Hwy 2.
    - i. Director Bergman stated that the City Commission set aside money to develop the park. Staff will be meeting with Rotary to help fund the project. The project design was discussed, and the Committee asked about design restrictions.
- 8. Other Business: Corcoran brought up the need for trail etiquette signs on the Iron Belle Trail. Kangas talked about a status update on Hiawatha Statue. Director Bergman will touch base with the Ironwood Chamber of Commerce.
- 9. Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- Adjournment: Motion by Jindrich to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 4 to
  O. Adjournment at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Sam Davey, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist