



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday, June 1, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting Virtual Application.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Davey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Paul Kostelnik	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Mary Grace Loreti	X			
Linda Jindrich	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring	X			
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Also present, Community Development Director, Tom Bergman.

3. Approval of the May 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Kostelnik to approve the May 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Agenda. Second by Kirchhoff. 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. Update on City Square Project.

- I. Director Bergman said that one bidder was below budget and will be headed on to the City Commission for approval.

B. Update on DNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Norrie Park Renovation and Water Trail.

- I. Director Bergman said that the application has been deemed complete from the DNR. The State legislature has not appropriated the funding yet. The DNR has granted an extension on the grant and will most likely be delayed due to COVID-19.

C. Update on Gogebic Range Health Foundation IMBA Trail Accelerator Grant Application for Mt. Zion.

- I. Director Bergman gave a history of the mountain bike trail. He stated that IMBA will provide up to \$30,000 to plan for the new trails. The Gogebic Range Health Foundation in partnership with Gogebic Community College (GCC) will be working out the details for the project. This will also help GCC's goals to increase outdoor recreation programming. The Health Foundation will give \$8,000 and the Dirt Crew will give \$3,000 matched by IMBA for a potential \$22,000 project.

D. Update and Discussion on SISU Dirt Crew DNR Application for Mountain Bike Trail along Iron Belle Trail

- I. Director Bergman said that the SISU Dirt Crew is filling out the application and they are requesting a letter of support from the City of Ironwood Parks and Recreation Committee.

**Motion by Kangas to approve a letter of support for the project. Second by Loreti. Motion carried 7 to 0.**

E. 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 said that phase 2 is waiting for the legislature to pass appropriations for the project. Once they are passed then they can start getting the paper work together. Phase 1 will need an extension for the project.

b. Update on Mountain Bike Trail Development in Miners Memorial Heritage Park.

- i. Director Bergman stated that he is waiting for the final signatures from the DNR. He is optimistic that the project will be started in the Fall.

Volunteers from the Friends of the MMHP have been clearing out new trail.

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

a. No update.

III. Park Action Plan.

a. Playground North of US Hwy 2.

- i. Davey asked if there was anything done with getting a census of how many kids live in the area to justify the project. Director Bergman asked Davey to have a conversation with City Manager Scott Erickson as he is in tune with City Commission goals. Corcoran was concerned with the time allowed to stall on the vacant lot that was donated to the City. They discussed the need to have a playground to the West and East of Lake Street as they are physically separated by a major street. They talked about ways to determine where kids are located and also about engaging kids for the design.

8. Other Business: None.

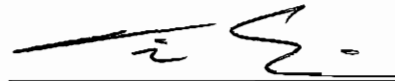
9. Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: **Motion** by Jindrich to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Kostelnik. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.** Adjournment at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist