



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday, November 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom Meeting Virtual Application.

1. Call to Order:

Chair 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	X	
Linda Jindrich		X	X	
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring	X			
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Specialist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Kostelnik to approve the October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Second by Kangas. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Kangas to approve the Agenda. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 5 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): Marion True addressed the Committee and said that there were some small limbs on the Curry Trail in the Miners Park. He suggested getting some benches at the big tree.
7. Items for discussion and consideration:
  - A. Goal setting based on Comp Plan/Park Action Plan.
    - I. Director Bergman presented the parks action program and discussed the park North of US2. They discussed the need to have a workshop with the City Commission to discuss options. They discussed the need to have new playgrounds where there is scarcity of parks. He suggested Commission members to have alternate sights located to present to the City Commission. Staff will brainstorm ideas of ways to proceed. They discussed a new invasive species removal grant. Kangas discussed Norrie Park, Miners Park, and Cemetery Trails for invasive species removal.
  - B. Update on City Square Project.
    - I. Director Bergman said that this Friday will be the opening of the City Square with the ribbon cutting ceremony. First Friday will be during the same time.
  - C. Update on DNR Trust Fund Grant Application for Norrie Park Renovation and Water Trail.
    - I. Bergman discussed the need to designate the entire Montreal River as a water trail to get funding. Bergman said that there's a good chance that the project won't get funded. They talked about getting Iron County to designate the Montreal River as a water trail to help get regional significance. Gogebic County has the Montreal River in the hazard mitigation plan as well. He discussed getting the project into Gogebic County parks plan.
  - 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. Bergman said that they are moving forward with the environmental review. Phase 2 hasn't started yet.
      - b. Update on Mountain Bike Trail Development in Miners Memorial Heritage Park.
        - i. Bergman said that the bid package will be sent back to the DNR.
    - 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.

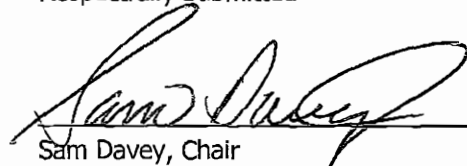
i. They talked about having an annual workshop with the Commission and to discuss more than just the playground North of Hwy 2.

8. Other Business: No other business.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment: **Motion** by Kostelnik to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.** Adjournment at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Specialist