



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, August 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, August 2, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building, Women's Club Room, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938.

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			
Randy Kirchoff		X	X	
Jake Ring		X	X	
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman, Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the June 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Jindrich. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Jindrich to approve the Agenda. Second by Kostelnik. Motion carried 4 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. Audience with Ian Shackleford regarding invasive species removal.

I. Ian Shackleford addressed the Committee and discussed locations with invasive plant species. The Committee discussed doing a project in the Miners Memorial Heritage Park. Ian recommended a forest management plan for the Miners Park. Corcoran asked about downtown district tree management.

B. Update on Playground North of US2.

I. Bergman said that the playground equipment will be installed this month.

C. 2021 Goals.

I. Develop Playground Priority List (Complete).

a. Complete.

II. Annual Workshop with City Commission (Schedule for Fall).

a. The meeting will be scheduled for Fall. The next meeting will focus on what to discuss at the workshop.

III. Parks and Rec User Summit.

a. Bergman said that another organization is doing something similar. The City of Ironwood will look to partner with them. The City would have a survey for data collection as part of the summit.

IV. Invasive Species Grant Opportunities.

a. Bergman will look into a grant opportunity for this year.

V. Volunteer Coordination.

a. No update.

VI. Lighted Ski Trail.

a. No update.

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).

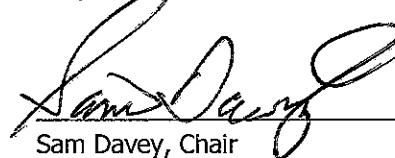
a. Update on Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition Project Phase 1 & 2.

- i. The City is waiting on the DNR for final approval of title information.
- b. Update on Mountain Bike Trail Development in Miners Memorial Heritage Park.
 - i. The infrastructure portion is close to complete. The trail construction won't begin until next year but will be planning the construction. Kostelnik has asked about the priority locations of the bike trail and asked if the entities involved have been working together to figure out what the trails will look like. The interested parties will discuss the trails after the contractor has a proposed map to mitigate any conflict areas.
- c. Update on Curry Park upgrade phase 2.
 - i. The project agreement has been submitted to the DNR and will upgrade 10 existing sites.
- d. Norrie Park Renovation and Montreal River Water Trail.
 - i. The project agreement will be submitted soon and will be out for bid in the Winter. The City of Ironwood will need to work with Iron and Gogebic County.

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

- a. No update.
8. Other Business: Audience with Stave Hamilton with the Gogebic Range Trail Authority (GRTA). He addressed the Committee to discuss signage along the motorized trail grade. He mentioned that the motorized group is fixing the bridge across the Iron Belle trail. He asked if the Beltline Trail will be both motorized and non-motorized. Bergman said that the trail will be a multi-use trail. He is asking for representatives from the Gogebic Range Trail Authority to be included in conversation when discussing motorized activities in the City of Ironwood. Other projects with the GRTA were discussed. He is asking for more inclusion if possible. Corcoran asked if motorized activity could be added to each agenda. They will be getting together to discuss other possible trail signage improvements.
9. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
10. **Adjournment: Motion by Jindrich to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kangas. Motion Carried 4 to 0. Adjournment at 5:27 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant