



IRONWOOD
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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, January 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, January 3, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building, Auditorium and Zoom Video Conferencing, 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		X
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair		X	X	
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Mary Grace Loreti	X			
Linda Jindrich		X	X	
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring	X			
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman, Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the November 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kirchhoff to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Ring. Motion carried 4 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Kirchhoff to approve the amended Agenda. Second by Ring. 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): Colleen Kichak addressed the Committee. She is the pickleball organizer and would like the City to add more tennis courts to the City of Ironwood. Pickleball is a growing sport in the area and there is limited number of locations to play in the region. The Committee asked for some help with dimensions and what it takes to have a pickleball court. Typically, pickleball is played on the same surface as a tennis court. They discussed potentially adding this to the Norrie Park improvements.

7. Items for discussion and consideration:

- A. Set meeting schedule for 2022 (Jan. 3rd, Feb. 7th, Mar. 7th, Apr. 4th, May 2nd, Jun 6th, July 15th (second Thursday due to holiday), Oct. 3rd, Nov. 7th, Dec. 5th)

Motion by Loreti to approve the meeting schedule. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion Carried 4 to 0.

- B. Review Volunteer Fair Survey Results.

- I. Director Bergman was pleased with the results of the survey and suggested making a bigger outreach to the community for the next survey. Bergman went over some of the results of the survey.

- C. Review and make recommendation for Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2028.

- I. Loreti asked how the costs were identified. She also asked if the River Walk Grant could include the installation of permanent bathrooms at Longyear Park. The City maintenance crew is a little uneasy about installing permanent bathrooms because of potential vandalism. Corcoran suggested installing bathrooms similar to those found in the prison system, which are resistant to vandalism. Loreti brought up having the cemetery historical tours that were discussed at a previous meeting. The historical tour will be added as an ongoing line item to future agenda's.

Motion by Loreti to recommend approval of the Capital Improvement Plan to the City Commission. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion Carried 4 to 0.

- D. Update on Playground North of US2.

- I. The playground is scheduled to be installed in the Spring.

- E. 2022 Goal Settings (Review of 2021 Goals and project for DNR Trust Fund Grant).

- I. Develop Playground Priority List (Complete).
- II. Forest Management Plan
- III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event)
- IV. Lighted Ski Trail.

- a. Bergman gave an overview of the 2021 goals. He suggested that the lighted ski trail be included on the goal list with the addition of other amenities to boost the likelihood of obtaining a grant. Lighted Ski trail application would score better in the Miners Park versus the Iron Belle Trail. Bergman will send out the park action plan for the next meeting for review.

F. Motorized Update – GRTA

- I. Corcoran stated that the GRTA is working on a Teepee warming hut for Bald Mountain at the end of January. A new snowmobile trail was installed between the Norrie Club and Aurora Club. Bergman said that he had snowmobilers ask for directions at the intersection of Greenbush St. and Trail #2 and asked if something could be installed along the trail to help direct users to business amenities.

G. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

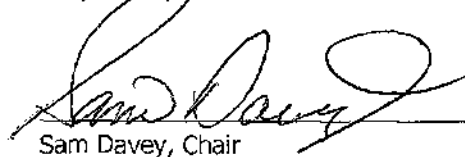
- I. Strategy 4.5 Define and Construct Priority Trail Improvements (Project Updates for MMHP MTB Trails, Curry Park, Southern Beltline Trail Acquisition, Norrie Park Renovation and Water Trail).
 - a. Bergman is waiting for building season. The plan is to go out for bid for Curry park. Beltline Trail has a permission to proceed.
- II. Miners Memorial Heritage Park Update.
 - a. There were over 250 participants for the candlelight snowshoe and the Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park had its largest donation to date, at that event.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment: Motion by Ring to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion Carried 4 to 0. Adjournment at 5:38 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant