

Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee Thursday, February 7, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, February 7, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium, 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 YES NO		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Paul Kostelnik	Х			
Sam Davey	X		·	
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair		X	X	
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Mary Grace Loreti	X			
Linda Jindrich	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring		Х		
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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 Kostelnik to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the amended Agenda. Second by Loreti. Motion carried 5 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.

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- 6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
- 7. Items for discussion and consideration:
 - A. Discussion regarding Pickleball courts: Director Bergman suggested adding Pickleball courts to the goals. A representative from the local pickleball court addressed the Committee. She discussed adding two more courts by the Patterson Tennis Courts. Davey would like to add the Pickleball courts to goals list. True gave some public comment to discuss looking for alternate areas.

Motion by Loreti to approve the meeting schedule. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

- B. 2022 goal setting.
 - Cemetery Historical Walk: Loreti discussed the historical walking tour markers and asked about getting sites on the historical registry. There was discussion about doing some repair to gravestones and doing some repairs.
 - II. Forest Management Plan.
 - III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event).
 - IV. Lighted Ski Trail.
 - V. Pickleball/Tennis Court.
 - VI. Expanding and Improving Curry Park.

Motion by Jindrich to approve the 2022 goals. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

Director Bergman discussed the lighted ski trail and the potential to purchase an ADA compliant cross-country ski sled. He suggested increasing the City's financial contribution.

Motion by Kirchhoff to recommend to the City Commission to apply for a DNR grant to install the lighted ski trail and to purchase an ADA compliant cross-country ski sled. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

- C. Motorized Update GRTA.
 - I. Jerry with the GRTA said that the trails have been great for the season. The GRTA is working on building a teepee.
- D. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:

- 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. The building season will be starting in the Spring. Director Bergman's contact with the railroad retired and has been trying to work through the MEDC to get a contact.

The bid spec for Curry park is being made.

The Norrie Park renovation will most likely start in the following Summer.

- II. Miners Memorial Heritage Park Update.
 - a. The skiing has been great this season.
- 8. Other Business: None.
- 9. Next Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- 10. Adjournment: Motion by Kostelnik to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jindrich. Motion Carried 5 to 0. Adjournment at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sam Davey, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant