



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Thursday, April 4, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, April 4, 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		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Paul Kostelnik	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting		X	X	
Mary Grace Loreti		X	X	
Linda Jindrich	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	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 February 7, 2022 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 Jindrich. 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): None.

7. Items for discussion and consideration:

A. 2022 goal settings.

I. Cemetery Historical Walk: No updates.

II. Forest Management Plan: Bergman discussed this with Ian Shackleford and the project will involve some invasive species management as part of the plan. They have identified a few locations. There are some other organizations that may be able to help with this.

III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event): No update.

IV. Lighted Ski Trail: The Trust Fund Grant Application was turned in and Bergman is confident in the project. The project will begin in 2024 if it is funded. The City is the only financial match for the project.

V. Pickleball/Tennis Court: There may be some other locations in the community that can support this project. Norrie Park tennis courts could be converted to Pickleball courts. Davey suggested trying to find a downtown location for Pickleball courts. Bergman said that the Parks and Rec Committee could suggest that the DIDA consider adding to the downtown plan. There was more discussion about converting the courts at Norrie Park. Davey suggested that the Committee research surfaces.

B. Motorized Update – GRTA.

I. No update.

C. 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. The contractor is beginning to mobilize equipment. There is some more flagging that needs to occur. Curry Park upgrades will be going for bid soon. The project agreement for the Phase 1 beltline trail is complete. Bergman is working on the water trail project agreement. The Montreal River needs to be brushed and cleared.

II. Miners Memorial Heritage Park Update.

a. No update.

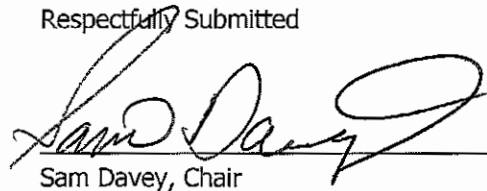
8. Other Business: A map and meeting notes from a meeting between the City of Ironwood and Gogebic Range Trail Authority was passed around. Director Bergman gave an update from the previous meeting and the map was provided by Davey. The signs will be installed when the snow clears off the trail. Davey explained the map. Davey would like to see the Iron Belle completely cleared off in the Winter time

throughout the City of Ironwood. Kangas would like to see the section between McLeod and Curry Street due to high usage.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment: Motion by Kangas to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 5 to 0. Adjournment at 5:31 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant