



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Thursday, July 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, June 14, 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:

Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

**Nomination by Kangas to elect Davey as Chairperson.**

**Motion by Kangas to elect as Chairperson. Second by Nezworski. Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

**Nomination by Jindrich to elect Kangas as Vice-Chairperson.**

**Motion by Jindrich to elect Kangas as Vice-Chairperson. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 7 to 0.**

3. 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	
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Linda Jindrich	X			
Randy Kirchhoff		X	X	
Jake Ring		X	X	
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman.

4. Approval of the June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Nezworski. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

5. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Agenda. Second by Nezworski. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
7. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
8. Items for discussion and consideration.
- A. Discussion and recommendation for Michigan DNR Surplus lots: Director Bergman presented two lots for sale by the DNR that may have value as they are adjacent to the Beltline Trail and the Montreal River.

**Motion by Jindrich to request the City Commission to purchase the two lots. Second by Kangas. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- B. Discussion regarding entrance to Miners Park to access butterfly garden: Director Bergman presented the topic and the Committee discussed a possible solution. The Committee needs more information before making a recommendation.
- C. Update on Depot Park: Director Bergman discussed the new hours for the depot park bathrooms. The bathrooms will be opened longer on Wednesday's for the volleyball court.
9. 2022 goal settings.

- I. Cemetery Historical Walk: Ivan is prioritizing the downtown historical walk. He suggested talking with the sexton at the cemetery to gather more information about the people buried in the cemetery.
- II. Forest Management Plan: Director Bergman received a draft RFP from the Conservation District.
- III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event): No update.
- IV. Lighted Ski Trail: The DNR was in town to see the upcoming projects. Director Bergman brought them to the pending project sites. The DNR liked that the projects were building off each other and providing connectivity.
- V. Pickleball Courts-NEP Grant Opportunity: The City needs to find a new funding source and also a place to locate it. The Committee discussed potential locations.

10. Motorized Update – GRTA: Nezworski said that the City has helped with the trail from Depot Park to the Industrial Park. He was hoping that they could have had input with the reroute of the motorized trail for the festival. Nezworski asked about the stop signs on the intersections between motorized and non-motorized trails.

11. 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): Four miles of the 10 miles have been completed. The construction will be moving from the main park location to the ancillary locations. Davey asked about right of way between bikers and hikers and Bergman discussed.
  - II. Miners Memorial Heritage Park Update: Art in the park was packed.
12. Other Business: Director Bergman asked for the August meeting to be canceled unless there is something important. The Committee agreed to cancel.
  13. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
  14. **Adjournment: Motion by Nezworski to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 5 to 0. Adjournment at 5:39 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Sam Davey, Chair

  
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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant