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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, September 8, 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. 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			
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Christina Boyette		X	X	
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring	X			
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman.

3. Approval of the July 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

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

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Nezworski to approve the Agenda with addition of 7C. Second by Kostelnik. Motion carried 6 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Colleen Kichek discussed the growth of pickleball in the area. She would like the committee to include pickleball courts at where the tennis courts are at Norrie Park.

Curt Martell 424 W. Larch asked for a pickleball court to be installed at Norrie Park. He thought that 3 courts could be installed with a blacktop overlay.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): Curt Martell 424 W. Larch asked for help with clearing the board walk at Norrie Park. He has been cleaning it for about 11 years. He discussed brush encroaching on the community garden and that it needs to be cut back.

The Committee asked if the brush clearing will be a part of the DNR grant.

7. Items for discussion and consideration.

- A. Equestrian Trails North of Fairgrounds: Davey brought up the idea of equestrian trails to be located on City of Ironwood land north of the fairgrounds. The Committee asked for a formal proposal from the group requesting support from the City of Ironwood. They would like a maintenance plan to go along with the proposal.

Motion by Jindrich to request the City Commission to purchase the two lots. Second by Kangas. Motion carried 6 to 0.

- B. Ice Rink Discussion: Davey discussed trying to get the ice rink at Depot Park and asked about the ice track at the City Square.

- C. Discuss and consider recommendation of new trail at Norrie Park: Bergman presented the attached map. Anderson Bluff Foundation is asking for permission to create an additional trail loop from in Norrie Park. The new trail will make the SISU route better, which will allow a better tie into the Southern Beltline Trail, Miners Park, and the Iron Belle Trail. Corcoran brought up the need for the trails to be better maintained. The new trail will be added into the existing agreement with ABR Ski Trails.

Motion by Ring to present the proposal to the City Commission for recommendation. Second by Kangas. Motion carried 6 to 0.

8. 2022 goal settings.

- I. Cemetery Historical Walk: No update.

- II. Forest Management Plan: This plan will be integrated into the next comp plan revision. The Forest Management Plan will also include green infrastructure as a requirement from the DNR. Invasive species will be a piece of the forest management puzzle. Corcoran asked about parking lot trees and downtown trees. Bergman brought up boulevard trees and the need for removal and re planting where feasible.

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

- IV. Lighted Ski Trail: The DNR Trust Fund grant initial scoring will be provided very soon.

- V. Pickleball Courts: Norrie park is on the list for potential locations and may be a cheaper project. This project will be difficult to add into an existing DNR grant. If there is additional funding available, it has the possibility to be added.

9. Motorized Update – GRТА: Nezworski talked about the Tee-pee project and that it's being visited regularly. He discussed a need to work with the City of Ironwood to install stop signs. Nezworski asked about right of way between non-motorized and motorized trail crossings. Bergman discussed perceived right of way when on the main trail. When there are connector trails, the perceived right of way is the main trail (Iron Belle trail).
10. Project Updates: The City of Ironwood is trying to work through ownership issues of the Southern Beltline Trail. Curry Park campground project will be going out to bid in late Fall for early summer construction. Norrie Park will be going out for bid this Fall with Summer Construction. Miners Park mountain bike trails have 7 miles so far. The project will most likely be complete next Summer. The Little League Field will be installed in a month or so.

Other Business: Kangas asked if the Little League complex could be named Oliver Park, with the Little League Field names remaining. Bergman would like to engage the Little League organizations before moving forward. Bergman would include on the agenda and invite someone from the Little League organization to discuss. Kangas also asked for trail crossing signs on Luxmore. Corcoran would like sensitivity with naming parks so that recognition is maintained. Bergman mentioned making sure that there is adequate signage if this is the direction. Corcoran and Bergman discussed drainage issues at the Little League field dump site locations.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
12. **Adjournment: Motion by Kostelnik to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nezworski. Motion Carried 6 to 0. Adjournment at 5:42 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant