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

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, October 3, 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 Kirchoff	X			
Jake Ring		X	X	
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Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman.

3. Approval of the September 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kirchoff to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Kangas. Motion carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

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

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Colleen Kichak discussed the need for pickleball courts and is okay with any location. She emphasized the need for at least three courts. She also reached out Action Floors to see if they would provide the surfacing.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit); Kurt Martell is asking for additional help for Norrie Park. Erickson said that the trail will be worked on and brushed with the upcoming grant. He suggested Parks and Rec to help with volunteering. Erickson will discuss with Neil Corcoran who is the parks supervisor.
7. Items for discussion and consideration.
 - A. Downtown Ice Rink: Erickson brought up the ice oval at the City Square and asked if anyone from the Parks and Rec Committee would like to help.
 - B. DNR Sparks Grant: Erickson brought up the new DNR Sparks Grant designed for high impact regional projects. Bergman had a meeting with the DNR who liked the Mt. Zion Bike Trail project as a potential project for the next application. Erickson discussed the Gogebic Range Health Foundations application for a few miles at Mt. Zion and that the DNR Sparks Grant could finish the project and make it more feature rich. The Beltline trail was also discussed as a potential fundable project.
 - C. 2022 goal settings.
 - I. Cemetery Historical Walk: Local historian Ivan Hellen is completing the downtown historical walk and may be willing to do the cemetery historical walk after the downtown one is complete.
 - II. Forest Management Plan: An application was submitted for a forest management plan for city owned property including Riverside Cemetery, Miners Par, and Norrie Park. Kangas requested Mt. Zion to be include if possible.
 - III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event): The event will take place at the Ironwood Memorial Building Auditorium on November 10, 2022.
 - IV. Lighted Ski Trail: Supplemental information was sent to the DNR to increase the application scoring of the submitted grant. Davey asked about Xcel Energy funding.
 - V. Pickleball Courts: The Committee suggested reaching out to the College or to the property owner who owns the old army.
8. Motorized Update – GRTA: The GRTA has a meeting with the new owner of Snow River Mountain to figure out the new snowmobile route. The GRTA is donating funds from a previous memorial ride to HOPE Animal Shelter.
9. Project Updates: Miners park will have 8 miles in this year with the completed work coming in the next year.

Curry Park design work is coming soon and then out for bid in the Winter.

Beltline has run into challenges but is being worked out with the DNR. Survey work is being completed.

Norrie Park will be out for bid in the Winter 2023.

Little League Playground will be complete mid-October.
10. Other Business: Nezworski asked if Curry Park could be advertised as an ORV park.

Davey mentioned that the Miners Park trails are quite difficult.

Kangas asked about the Dog Park and if it could be expanded. Kirchoff gave an update and said that it's possible for the park to be improved or expanded.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

12. **Adjournment: Motion by Nezworski to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kangas. Motion Carried 5 to 0. Adjournment at 5:25 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant