



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

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

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		X
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Christina Boyette	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring	X			
	7	1		

Also present; Community Development Director Tom Bergman, and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

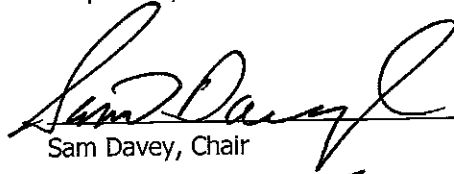
Motion by Nezworski to approve the Meeting Minutes. Second by Kostelnik. Motion carried 7 to 0.

4. Approval of the October 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Nezworski to approve the Agenda. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 7 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Colleen addressed the Committee to discuss the potential for pickleball courts. She approached a local contractor and asked for information about the costs associated with installing a floor.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): City Manager Anderson introduced himself.
7. Items for discussion and consideration.
 - A. Downtown Ice Rink: Director Bergman gave an update with the potential rink. He has met with some interested volunteers but hasn't had anything solidified. Corcoran discussed the potential to install an ice rink under the pavilion of Depot Park.
 - B. DNR Sparks Grant: Director Bergman is moving forward with the Mt. Zion trails by meeting with the president of the college. Matching grants may be able to come from the Gogebic Range Health Foundation. The International Mountain Biking Association already has a planning document which makes the project shovel ready. Staff will look at the Parks and Rec Plan along with the Capital Improvement Plan to identify a project for the three rounds of the grant.
 - C. 2022 goal settings.
 - I. Cemetery Historical Walk: No update. Ivan Hellen will be able to help with this once the downtown historic walk is wrapped up.
 - II. Forest Management Plan: Staff applied for a grant to focus on Norrie Park, Miners Park, Cemetery Trail area.
 - III. Volunteer Coordination (Chamber of Commerce event): The event is on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - IV. Lighted Ski Trail: Supplemental information has been submitted to the DNR. The City will know in December if they are funded.
 - V. Pickleball Courts: Determining a location and funding source will be the priority this Winter.
8. Motorized Update – GRTA: Nezworski updated the Committee. A new route has been identified and they are awaiting DNR approval.
9. Project Updates: Southern Beltline has been surveyed. The appraisal process will be evaluated by the DNR and will get final permission from the DNR to contact property owners. Miners Park mountain bike project has 8.8 miles built. The contractor is continuing to work. The SISU Dirt Crew will fund and maintain the trails. Nezworski asked about the beltline and which trail will be motorized. Curry park electrical will be upgraded next year. Phase 2 of the beltline will come after phase 1 and may not be complete before the sparks grant. The water trail needs to have a maintenance plan. Cleaning the Montreal River will be a bigger effort with Gogebic and Iron Counties.
10. Other Business: None.
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 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 5:31 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant