



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, March 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 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			
Danielle Boyette	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Jake Ring		X	X	
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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 Agenda. Second by Kostelnik. Motion carried 7 to 0.

4. Approval of the February 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Minutes. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 7 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. Discussion regarding Art Display in the Depot Park: The committee discussed placed that would be acceptable to place the art display. The downtown Art Park and Miners Memorial Heritage Park were considered acceptable locations.

- B. Update on Pickleball Courts: Davey discussed the need for the pickleball community to help fundraise for the project. Norrie park tennis courts could be included in the city's repaving plan for the summer. This will allow for the old tennis courts to be repurposed for pickleball. The committee discussed the DNR grant that will update some of the infrastructure. They also discussed getting funding for Montreal river tree and shrub removal. Kostelnik discussed the loud noises that comes with pickleball.
- C. Motorized Trails Update – GRTA: No update.
- D. Project Updates: (Hiawatha Park Expansion, Forest Management Plan, Mt. Zion Sparks Grant, Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park): Playground expansion at Hiawatha due to large annual donations was discussed. Planning will start on the park and then ordering in the Fall for installation in 2024. The Committee will be kept up to date to allow for input into the park design.

The Forest Management Plan contract has been signed.

Mt. Zion Sparks Grant was more competitive than originally anticipated. Scores will be back in March and the City will reapply for the next round.

Southern Beltline Acquisition has been stalled because the railroad isn't able to provide capacity to figure out if they own it. The City's title work states that the railroad owns it.

The Curry Park project will be in construction for some of the sites at the end of the Summer. A volunteer with the fairground approached the city with potential to do equestrian trails there.

- 8. Other Business: Davey said that the City plow driver pushed snow over the edge of Burma Rd. covering the Miners snowshoe trail.

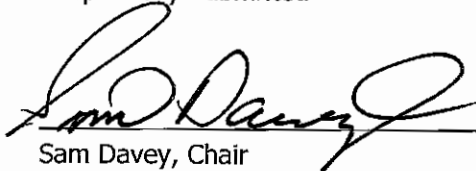
Randa field maintenance was brought up since Manny's restaurant is closed. The City' maintains Randa field.

Kangas brought up the possibility of adding an ice skating rink at Depot Park on top of the volleyball courts.


- 9. Next Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

- 10. **Adjournment: Motion by Nezworski to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kostelnik. Motion Carried 7 to 0. Adjournment at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant