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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, January 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Women’s Club Room, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Davey 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			
Rich Jenkins	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 Kirchhoff to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Kostelnik. Motion carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Kostelnik to approve the Minutes. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 6 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Ben Thompson addressed the Committee and asked for the City to develop recreational uses along the riverfront and to work with the owner of the industrial location next to the City’s land.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): Ben Thompson discussed alternate location for the river trail along the Montreal River.

7. Items for discussion and consideration.

A. Public Hearing – 2024-2028 Parks and Recreation Plan: Public Comment. Ben Thompson discussed the water trail and creating more access by developing park area along the river. He also mentioned an area along the river that needs to be cleaned up.

B. Review and Recommendation of Parks and Recreation 5-year Plan:

Motion by Kangas to approve the resolution. Second by Nezworski. Motion carried 6 to 0.

C. Recommendation for 2024 Michigan Natural Resources Grant Application: Director Bergman discussed applying through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to pay for a new ice making machine for the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.

Motion by Kangas to recommend to the City Commission to apply for the ice making machine. Second by Nezworski. Motion carried 6 to 0.

D. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park, etc.): The motorized trail authority is ready to start doing trail work once the weather cooperates.

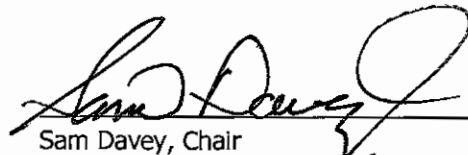
E. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Miners Park MTB Trail, Norrie Park Renovation, Hiawatha Park): The quiet title process for the Southern Beltline Acquisition is wrapping up. The Curry Park electrical is being bid out along with a new sign which is being installed. Norrie Park renovation will be adjusted due to cost. Hiawatha playground is under contract with the contractor. Miners Park is planning a ribbon cutting in May along with other supporting events. Davey asked about using reflective tape on the sign posts in order to see them in the evening.

8. Other Business: None.

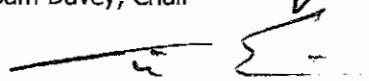
9. Next Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment: Motion by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion Carried 4 to 0. Adjournment at 5:29 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



~~Tom Bergman, Community Development Director~~
Tim Erickson CD Assistant