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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Thursday, May 6, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, May 6, 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	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			
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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 Jenkins. Motion carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the February 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Jenkins 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): 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. HREC recommendations for Hiawatha Park Signage: Director Bergman presented the attached documents from the HREC regarding Hiawatha Park Signage. The HREC addressed the Committee and discussed the proposed signage for the park. The HREC is recommending the single sign panel display. Tarun recommended renaming the statue and the park from Hiawatha

which was stated in the recommendation. The HREC met with all of the local tribes and one of the tribes engaged in conversation. Corcoran asked about the implications renaming the park or statue with the Chamber.

Motion by Nezworski to pass the decision on to the Commission for final decision. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5 to 1.

- B. Pavilion Project for Little League Field: Director Bergman presented the site plan.

Motion by Nezworski to recommend to the City Commission to allow the Little League Organization to build a pavilion on the presented location. Second by Kirchoff. Motion carried 6 to 0.


- C. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park, etc.): Nezworski discussed a trail project in Wakefield. The Miners Park ribbon cutting was on Friday. The DNR was present and about 40 people attended the meeting. Miners Park Mountain Bike Trails are officially open. Nezworski would like to work with Paul Anderson to discuss motorized crossings along the Iron Belle Trail.
- D. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Miners Park MTB Trail, Norrie Park Renovation, Hiawatha Park): The Southern Beltline Acquisition is in the quiet title process. Curry Park has an accepted bid on the electrical which will be completed in October. Norrie Park Renovation will be built in 2025. Hiawatha Park Playground will be installed in one week. Anderson presented the location of the playground equipment. The Civic Center Ice making plant is awaiting funding.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

10. **Adjournment: Motion by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nezworski. Motion Carried 6 to 0. Adjournment at 6:03 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tom Bergman, Community Development Director