



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

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, August 5, 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:

Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nomination of Davey as Chair.

Motion by Nezworski to elect Davey as Chair. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Nomination of Kangas as Vice-Chair.

Motion by Nezworski to elect Kangas as Vice-Chair. Second by Jenkins. Motion carried 5 to 0.

3. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Vacant				
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

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Kirchhoff to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Jenkins. Motion carried 5 to 0.

5. Approval of the June 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

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

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
7. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
8. Items for discussion and consideration.
 - A. Discussion on Headframe project in Miners Park and expansion of Park Boundary: Anne Lawrence addressed the Committee and presented the project. Corcoran asked if the lots were connected to water and sewer and if they could be developed. Bergman didn't think they were likely to be developed.

Motion by Kangas to recommend to the City Commission to expand the Miners Park as requested by the Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 5 to 0.
 - B. Comprehensive Plan Update: Long term park goals will be addressed in the update. Stakeholder meetings will be conducted in the coming months.
 - C. Trail Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park, etc): Nezworski asked who paid for the history displays along the Iron Belle. He discussed the motorized trail from Ramsey to Wakefield. The Miners Park Dirt Crew is struggling with weed removal along the Mountain Bike Trails.
 - D. Project Updates (southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Hiawatha Park): One of the railroad companies is releasing interest. Curry Park sign will be installed in the next couple weeks. The electrical work will begin in the fall. Norrie Park Renovation bidding process will be start in the winter. Hiawatha Park ribbon cutting was successful. The Norrie school site was purchased by a developer to build some housing. Corcoran mentioned that a volunteer group is helping with weed removal. She asked about upgrading the tennis courts. Kangas stated that the disc golf people have cleaned up around the bathhouse. A Friends of Norrie Park group could be considered.
9. Other Business: Davey won't be at the next meeting.
10. Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
11. **Adjournment: Motion by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nezworski. Motion Carried 6 to 0. Adjournment at 5:34 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted


Sam Davey, Chair


Tom Kangas


Tom Bergman, Community Development Director