



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Thursday, September 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Thursday, September 12, 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. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Vacant				
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 Jenkins to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

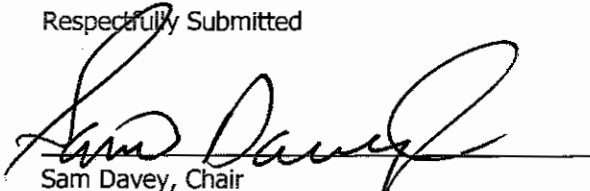
4. Approval of the August 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

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

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): Curt Martell talked about Norrie Park and would like to meet with Parks and Rec to go over some ideas. He has some expensive plans that could be implemented. He discussed additional trails that could tie into ABR Ski Trails. He asked about removal of the rest of the brush at Norrie Park. He asked for two buildings to be removed and some trees to be trimmed. Corcoran asked if Norrie Park could have an improvement plan. Getting volunteers to sign up to help was requested. The Norrie park improvement grant was talked about.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for discussion and consideration.
  - A. City property sale request on Oak Street: Bergman introduced the map and the request.  
**Motion by Kirchhoff to table the item to the next meeting. Second by Jenkins. Motion carried 6 to 0.**
  - B. Comprehensive Plan Update: The consultant will be doing work sessions for members of the committee to attend. The appendix for the comp plan is completed in draft form.
  - C. Trail Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park, etc): Nezworski would like to install a couple new stop signs on the non-motorized trail across one of the trails. Crossings and right of way for the trails were discussed. SISU Dirt Crew will be doing fall cleanup soon. Miners Park had a buckthorn eradication event. GRRR raffle tickets fundraiser for the Iron Belle trail are all sold out.
  - D. Project Updates (southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Hiawatha Park): The railroad companies need to get back with the City. One of the companies is giving up the property. Bergman is hoping that one of the other companies will do a deed to the City. Curry Park will be shutting down soon to finish the electrical project. Norrie Park bid spec work will be done this winter. The City Manager will be looking at some surfacing on the old Norrie Park Tennis court for pickleball.
8. Other Business: Kangas asked about an incident at the dog park. He asked for coming up with ideas to expand the dog park. HOPE will most likely be doing a fundraiser for the park. Hiawatha Park brush has been cleared around the ore car. Longyear Park will be receiving a \$75,000 investment. Hiawatha historical panels will be installed soon.
9. Next Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
10. **Adjournment: Motion by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion Carried 6 to 0. Adjournment at 5:32 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tom Bergman, Community Development Director