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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday, December 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 2, 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:

Chair Davey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Jake Ring	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Kim Corcoran, ex-officio, non-voting		X	X	
Jerry Nezworski		X		X
Rich Jenkins	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Thomas Sams	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 Kangas. Motion carried 4 to 0.**

4. Approval of the September 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Kangas to approve the Minutes. Second by Ring. Motion carried 4 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. City property sale request on Oak Street: The Committee would like to make sure that plows can still plow all the way through the alley.

**Motion by Kirchhoff to recommend the sale of the property to the City Commission while maintaining an easement for plowing. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

- B. Update on Michigan Baseball Congress use of Randa Field: Director Berman presented the baseball team plan for Randa Field.
- C. Gogebic Range Health Foundation Support Letter for Community Center Planning Project & Rural Readiness Grant Application: Director Bergman presented the request from the Gogebic Range Health Foundation asking the City of Ironwood for a letter of support. Thomas Sams asked about including a low-income aspect to the support letter.

**Motion by Jenkins to approve supporting the Gogebic Range Health Foundation application with a support letter from the City of Ironwood. Second by Sams. Motion carried 6 to 0.**


- D. Goal Setting – Park Action Program: Director Bergman presented the Parks Action Program to start the goals setting process. Park wayfinding was asked about. Sams asked about purchasing the old Newport school playground site to install a new neighborhood playground for the Jessieville neighborhood. Jenkins asked where the Miners Park expansion would happen.
- E. Comprehensive Plan Update: No update.
- F. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park etc.): The motorized trail is rolled from Ironwood to Marenisco. The Iron Belle Trail was plowed from Luxmore to Depot Park. Miners Park has started to groom, and people are already snowshoeing in the park. The SISU Dirt Crew will be going over the fat bike grooming schedule. Sams talked about adding lights to certain pedestrian intersection crossings.
- G. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Civic Center Ice Plant): The beltline acquisition sale price for the railroad owned section was higher than was anticipated. The DNR acquisition grant could pay for only the railroad owned section and then the City could apply for another acquisition grant to pay for the rest. The new Curry Park sign was installed, and a lot of the upgrades in the park have begun. Kangas asked about the resurfacing of the Norrie Park tennis courts.
- H. Approve 2025 Meeting Schedule: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 8: No discussion.

**Motion by Jenkins to approve the 2025 meeting schedule. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 6 to 0.**

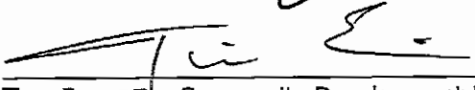
- 8. Other Business: Davey brought up the Chamber Singers concert, Frost Friday, and Jack Frost parade. Sams brought up a few more events and the downtown ice rink. Bergman will discuss with the city manager the capacity of city staff, so that the committee and volunteers can move forward.
- 9. Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment by Chair Davey.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tom Bergman, Community Development Director  
Tim Erickson Assistant