



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, February 3, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, 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 Sams to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Ring. Motion carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the January 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sams to approve the Minutes. Second by Kangas. 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.

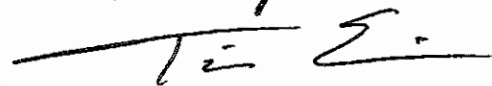
- A. HREC Park Naming Request: Director Bergman introduced Carol Erickson. Erickson talked about doing a women's history project in coordination with Downtown Ironwood First Friday. She talked about renaming a park or a street and asked the Parks and Rec Committee to think

about significant Women. Sams asked for a bio sheet of the women. Sams asked about precedent setting with park name changes. Sams brought up the idea of the woman's name being tied into building a neighborhood park in Jessieville.

- B. 2025 Goals Update: Bergman gave an update on the different projects that are on the goals list. These goals are being presented to the City Commission to consider adding to their goals. Hiawatha Park received another large donation.
 - C. Comprehensive Plan Update: The next survey will be sent out in the next couple days. The plan framework is being developed. A draft should be ready by late spring. The housing plan will be adopted by the end of May.
 - D. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park etc.): Motorized trails are all groomed and some locations are thin. Iron Belle is being groomed more regularly. Miners Park is grooming regularly. Sams asked about snowmobile fatalities.
 - E. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Civic Center Ice Plant): The appraisal process is underway for the Southern Beltline Acquisition project. Curry Park is complete except for a few picnic tables, trash receptacles, and a few trees. Sams brought up planting a tree with HREC coordination. Norrie Park Renovation costs are significantly over budget. Staff is trying to figure out how to proceed. Consequences of returning the DNR grant funding back to the DNR were discussed. Sams talked about working together with Erwin township to complete the project. Ring asked about the water trail portion of the funding. Civic Center Ice Making Plant is still moving forward.
- 8. Other Business: Davey brought up the need for Christmas lights to be unplugged at Depot Park.
 - 9. Next Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
 - 10. **Adjournment by Chair Davey.**

Respectfully Submitted


Sam Davey, Chair


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

