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

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, March 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			
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Rich Jenkins	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Thomas Sams	X			
	8	0		

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 Kirchhoff. Motion carried 8 to 0.

4. Approval of the February 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Sams to approve the Minutes. Second by Jenkins. Motion carried 8 to 0.


5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): A concerned citizen was asking about the process for opening the City Streets to snowmobiles. He said that it’s busy especially with the bicycle path.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

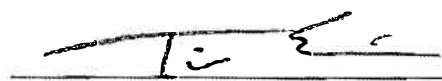
7. Items for discussion and consideration.

- A. HREC Women's History Month Update: Patel talked about the plans for the month. They are making a recommendation to the City Commission to rename the Pocket Park and a new playground in Jessieville that isn't built yet.
 - B. 2025 Goals Update: Outdoor Skating Ring, Pickleball Court, Jessieville Playground, Hiawatha Improvements, Kuitanen Fountain Maintenance, Invasive Species Removal: The outdoor skating rink is proposed for the city goals. Determining the role of DPW staff will need to be determined. Norrie Park tennis courts could be resurfaced. Jessieville playground is considered underserved in the Comprehensive Plan. Bergman discussed the survey data from the general public who has indicated that they want the city to maintain parks versus adding new parks. Sams asked if someone could poll the neighborhood to see if they would like to have a new park in Jessieville. Director Bergman talked about the sidewalk project which was brought up by Sams. Bergman talked about ways that the playground could be funded. Dr. Hartz has provided a \$30,000 donation for Hiawatha Park. Kuitanen lights need to be gone over with DPW.
 - C. Comprehensive Plan Update: March 13th at 5:30 p.m. will be the comprehensive plan presentation.
 - D. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park etc.): The snowmobile trails are spotty. Gogebic Range Trail Authority is holding their annual banquet at the VFW in Wakefield. Iron Belle trail is being plowed throughout the City. Miners Park is grooming the trails. TV6 from Marquette interviewed some of the Miners Park members. Kangas talked about the trails in the Keweenaw.
 - E. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Civic Center Ice Plant, Longyear Park Improvements): Southern Beltline Acquisition amount was approved by the City Commission. Curry Park renovation is finished. Norrie Park renovation is transitioning away from the DNR grant. Civic Center Ice Plant grant agreement is coming in June. Longyear Park Improvements bid spec is complete and will be out to bid soon.
8. Other Business: Sams talked about the Red Bull 400 at Copper Peak.
9. Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
- 10. Adjournment by Chair Davey.**

Respectfully submitted



Sam Davey, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant

