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

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, May 5, 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	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	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 6 to 0.

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

Motion by Kangas to approve the Minutes. Second by Nezworski. 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. 2025 Goals Update: Outdoor Skating Rink, Pickleball Court, Jessieville Playground, Hiawatha Improvements, Kuitanen Fountain Maintenance, Invasive Species Removal: Director Bergman

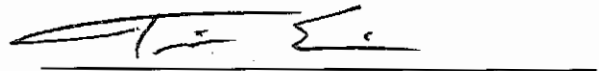
talked about the issues. Jessieville Playground property owner wants too much money for the lot. City staff will be on the lookout for vacant land. Kangas brought up the possibility of the H shaft location for playground. Hiawatha still has the \$30,000 donation. Staff is looking at options for the location. Kangas noticed a bunch of invasive species by the ore car. He would like to request the city crews to clean up the area. Bergman will need to discuss the lights with the DPW director. Grant application will come out in the fall.

- B. Comprehensive Plan Update: Kevin will make a presentation soon.
 - C. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park etc.): Nezworski said that the motorized trails are busy. Red dumped snow and gravel on the Iron Belle Trail. Miners Park did a tree planting. They are getting ready for mowing and are hoping that their lawn mower has another season left. Somone is looking at donating a mower, director Bergman suggested that they donate to the Miners Park. Art in the Park is happening soon. Mountain Bike trails are ready to ride.
 - D. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Civic Center Ice Plant, Longyear Park Improvements): An appraisal was complete, but the DNR said that a certified appraisal needs to be done instead. The new appraisal is starting. Curry Park is being wrapped up. Norrie Park Renovation funded grant may get removed. The board walk at Norrie Park may be addressed using City funds. Civic Center Ice Plant project is under review at the federal government. Sinclair recreation contractor has been selected.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.
10. **Adjournment by Chair Davey.**

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair Tom kangas



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant