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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, July 7, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, July 7, 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:

Vice-Chair Kangas 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			
Vacant				
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.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Jenkins to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Ring. Motion carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the May 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Ring 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): A local citizen would like to fix portions of Norrie Park and is asking for funding. Staff suggested to make an appointment with Paul Anderson. He would like the brush piles to get picked up by the City.

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: Staff has been

prioritizing the comp plan so not much has been done. Invasive species removal grant is coming up. Pickleball is always in discussion. Resurfacing Norrie Park has been discussed. Kangas brought up some invasive plants by the boxcar at Hiawatha Park.

- B. Comprehensive Plan Update: Kevin Clarke with HKGI presented the draft of the parks and rec chapter. Changing Park User Summit to Volunteer Fair was suggested.
- C. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park etc.): Art in the Park is being conducted in Miners Park. SISU Dirt Crew may be holding their bike race at Miners Park. The motorized section is waiting on engineering work for the Wakefield to Ramsay connection. The State Line trail is potentially going all the way to Powers Road.
- D. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Norrie Park Renovation, Civic Center Ice Plant, Longyear Park Improvements): Southern Beltline Acquisition is wrapping up. Curry Park trees are being installed. Norrie Park Renovation the board walk is being repaired. The DNR grant was returned to the state. Civic Center Ice Making Plant grant agreement is coming any day. Longyear Park Playground equipment will be installed soon. Getting signage for the parks on the highway was discussed.

8. Other Business: Corcoran asked for Jason Alonen to come to a parks and rec meeting once per year.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, August 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment by Chair Kangas.

Respectfully Submitted



Sam Davey, Chair

Tom Kangas



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant