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**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monday, December 1, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 1, 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:

Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Unanimous ballot made by Nezworski to Nomination of Kangas as Chair.**

**Motion by Ring to elect as Chair. Motion supported by Kirchhoff. All in favor.**

**Unanimous ballot made by Nezworski to nominate Kirchhoff as Vice-Chair.**

**Motion by Kirchhoff to elect as Vice-Chair. Motion supported by Ring. All in favor.**

3. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Jake Ring	X			
Vacant				
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Lauren Korpi, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Vacant				
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Vacant				
	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		

Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

**Motion by Kirchhoff to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

5. Approval of the July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

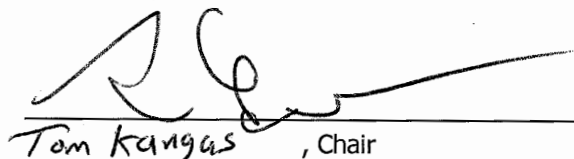
**Motion by Nezworski to approve the Minutes. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit): None.
7. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items not on the agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
8. Items for discussion and consideration.
  - A. 2025 Goals Update: Discussion on Downtown Ice Rink: The DPW will be prepping the area. A few of the Ironwood Lumberjacks Hockey team will be maintaining the rink.
  - B. 2026 Goal Setting – 2025 Goals: Pickleball Court, Jessieville Playground, Hiawatha Improvements, Invasive Species Removal: The committee discussed the goals for renewal, removal or new items for 2026. The city didn't apply for the invasive species removal grant but will be looking forward to applying for next year. Miners Park would be the main focus of the grant. Kangas brought up Randa field and the idea of putting pickleball there. Doing another tennis court could be done too since the High School courts were taken out. Norrie Park tennis courts could be converted to pickleball.
  - C. Comprehensive Plan Update: A draft release will be for public review on the website.
  - D. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park etc.): GRTA would like for both motorized and non-motorized both stop for the Frederick Street crossing. The ORV trail is now from Wakefield to Ironwood which opens more funding for the motorized trail. Iron Belle Trail extension to Wakefield was discussed. Miners Park is getting groomed and so is Iron Belle trail.
  - E. Approve Meeting Schedule (Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7):

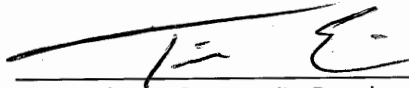
**Motion by Kirchhoff to approve the meeting schedule. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- F. Project Updates (Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Civic Center Ice Plant, Longyear Park Improvements): All of the railroad property is acquired for the beltline. 4 small parcels are left for the SISU route. Phase two beltline title work and environmental assessment are complete. Curry Park is being closed out soon. Civic Center Ice Making Plant grant application to MDARD is being sent in tomorrow. Longyear Park improvements are complete.
9. Other Business: Nezworski asked about moving the rock out of the depot park.
  10. Next Meeting: Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.
  11. **Adjournment by Chair Kangas.**

Respectfully Submitted



Tom Kangas, Chair



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant