



**TO BE HELD at the City of Ironwood Women's Club Room and via Zoom Meeting, 213 S. Marquette Street,  
Ironwood, MI 49938**

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**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Recording of the Roll.
3. Approval of the Agenda.
4. Approval of the February 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit).
6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit).
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
  - A. Discuss and consider recommending to the City Commission adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.
  - B. Discuss and consider recommendation for new kids bike trail next to the Iron Belle
8. Other Business.
9. Next Meeting: Monday, May 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment.



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, February 2, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, 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 Kangas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

| MEMBER                                  | PRESENT  |          | EXCUSED | NOT<br>EXCUSED |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|
|                                         | YES      | NO       |         |                |
| Jake Ring                               | X        |          |         |                |
| Vacant                                  |          |          |         |                |
| Tom Kangas – Vice Chair                 | X        |          |         |                |
| Lauren Korpi, ex-officio,<br>non-voting | X        |          |         |                |
| Jerry Nezworski                         | X        |          |         |                |
| Vacant                                  |          |          |         |                |
| Randy Kirchhoff                         | X        |          |         |                |
| Chris Tweiten                           | X        |          |         |                |
|                                         | <b>6</b> | <b>0</b> |         |                |

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 Nezworski. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

4. Approval of the December 1, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

**Motion by Ring to approve the Minutes. Second by Tweiten. Motion carried 5 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. Discuss and Consider recommendation to adopt 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan: Norrie Park and Jessieville Playground was discussed. The location of the Jessieville Playground was discussed.

**Motion by Tweiten to recommend to the City Commission to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan. Second by Ring. Motion carried 5 to 0.**

- B. 2026 Goals: Pickleball Court, Jessieville Playground, Hiawatha Improvements, Invasive Species Grant: Director Bergman gave an update on the goals. Marijuana revenue was discussed for potentially funding Pickleball Courts. Kangas asked about matching the money with a grant. Bergman talked about utilizing City funds outside of grant funding. The Southern Beltline trail was discussed.
  - C. DNR Grant Application for 2026: The City Commission isn't planning on applying for a DNR grant. Wrapping up current applications are the priority for this year.
  - D. Comprehensive Plan Update: The plan is on the website for public review. The Sidewalk map was discussed and could be changed to include adding a few more locations with sidewalks.
  - E. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park, etc.): Nezworski talked about Trail 11 and a piece of equipment that was needed. Bessemer trail head has been funded. Miners Park is groomed about every day with a lot of user traffic. Candlelight snowshoe and SISU Ski fest was discussed.
  - F. Project Updates (Downtown Ice Rink, Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Civic Center Ice Making Plant, Longyear Park Improvements): The ice rink is not happening for this year and is pulled off the City Commission goals lists. Civic Center Ice Making Plant is out for bid. Longyear Park Improvement is completed and closed out.
- 8. Other Business: Korpi asked about bike racks and needing more for the city square.
  - 9. Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

**Motion by Kirchhoff to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

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Tom Kangas, Chair

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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant

