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Planning Commission Agenda

TO BE HELD in the Ironwood Memorial Building Women's Club Room, 213 S. Marquette Street, Ironwood, MI 49938
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1. Call meeting to order.
2. Recording of the Roll.
3. Approval of the May 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding items on the agenda (Three-minute limit).
6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding items not on the agenda (Three-minute limit).
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
   A. 2026 Goals.
      I. Zoning Ordinance Revision
      II. Surplus Property Policy and Inventory
      III. Sidewalk Policy
   B. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Projects (regular updates on projects that help implement strategies and goals of the Comp Plan)
8. Other Business.
9. Next Meeting: July 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment.

Thursday, June 4, 2026 ***5:00 p.m.***

PROCEEDINGS OF THE IRONWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, May 7, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, in the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Women's Club Room.

1. Call to Order: Sam Davey called the meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT YES	PRESENT NO	EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
Sam Davey	X			
Scott Bissell	X			
Klaus Kutschke	X			
Mark Silver	X			
Vacant				
Siman Batu	X			
Grant Boelter		X	X	
Steve Frank ex-officio, non-voting member	X			
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   Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes.

   Motion by Kutschke to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Bissell. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

   Motion by Bissell to approve the agenda. Second by Kutschke. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items <u>on</u> the Agenda (three-minute limit): None.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Commission regarding Items not on the agenda (three-minute limit): Ryan Stubbs with the Ski Area Management program at Gogebic Community College addressed the Commission. He introduced himself as the new director.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

   I. Comp Plan Update: The Comp Plan was adopted at the last meeting and will be used moving forward.

   II. 2026 Goals.

      I. Zoning Ordinance Revision: Director Bergman presented the zoning ordinance revision proposal from HKGI. Director Bergman discussed the downtown district and the potential to create a new business development district surrounding the main downtown core. The Redevelopment Ready Communities program will fund $30,000 of this project with $40,000 coming from the City. The City Commission will be the reviewing as part of their budgeting process.

      Motion by Silver to recommend approval to the City Commission. Second by Bissell. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

      II. Surplus Property Policy and Inventory: The Surplus Property Policy and Inventory will be reworked since the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted. Director Bergman described the difference between Tier I and Tier II properties. Tier I lots are likely to change to Tier II as the size of buildable lots has decreased. The Planning Commission would like to visually see the properties.

      III. Sidewalk Policy: The sidewalk policy will be reworked. Bergman discussed an issue with people paving over sidewalk areas. The old sidewalk policy was discussed. Frank said that he is against any special assessment on the property owners. The Norrie project from 2011 through 2012 was discussed. He mentioned issues like a patchwork of sidewalk in Norrie as a result of that project. The Douglas neighborhood water project was discussed and the low cost of the project which allowed for the entire neighborhood to get new sidewalks, curb, and gutter. Bissell brought up that the sidewalk by his house was not installed. Frank brought up the need for a sidewalk inventory and cleaning off sidewalks as a start. Focusing on individual slabs that are in bad shape was discussed. Doing the entire Douglas corridor North of the Highway was discussed. Sidewalk maintenance, prioritization process, and patchwork need to be discussed. Responsibility of the property owners to take care of sidewalk maintenance was discussed.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Ironwood Memorial Building.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned by Davey.

Adjournment at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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Sam Davey, Chair

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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant