



**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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
3. Recording of the Roll.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Approval of the June 3rd, 2026 Meeting Minutes.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit).
7. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit).
8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. 2026 Goals Update
 - Pickleball Courts
 - Jessieville Playground
 - Invasive Species Grant (Update on Scope of Project)
 - B. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park)
 - C. Project Updates (Kids Bike Trail, Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Civic Center Ice Making Plant)
9. Other Business.
10. Next Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
11. Adjournment.



Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, June 1, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, June 1, 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 EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Jake Ring	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Lauren Korpi, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
Jerry Nezworski	X			
Rick Semo	X			
Randy Kirchhoff	X			
Chris Tweiten	X			
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Also present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Semo to approve the Meeting Agenda. Second by Davey. Motion carried 7 to 0.

4. Approval of the April 6, 2026, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Davey to approve the Minutes. Second by Ring. Motion carried 7 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. 2026 Goals Update.

- Pickleball Courts: The City Commission hasn't identified budget dollars or locations for this project. Davey asked if the pickleball players could do a fundraiser and to utilize

marijuana money to spend on the courts. The City budgeted less money for marijuana revenue in case the industry is hit due to the increased tax. Potential locations could be discussed. Kangas asked for the school, city, and miners park combine to build courts. Kangas would like the school to rebuild the tennis courts with pickleball in mind. Different locations were discussed.

- Jessieville Playground: This project is moving forward on the Newport school property with the purchased finalized. The City Commission budgeted for this playground and a playground contractor has been contacted. Bids will go out soon.
 - Invasive Species Grant: Director Bergman met with some people from the DNR and discussed invasive species eradication.
- B. Trails Update (Motorized, Iron Belle, Miners Park): Nezworski talked about doing dust control on the ATV trail. A new trail to Lake Superior is being worked on as a DNR designated route. The City Commission approved the City land to be developed into a kid's bike trail system. The Dirt Crew received a grant from the health foundation for the project. Davey brought up the need to replace some boards on the Montreal bridge. Some trees are down too. Semo mentioned that they are mowing and are planning on a mountain bike event. The Dirt Crew is meeting to discuss with the Miners Park volunteers. Art in the park is starting in June. Dirt Crew will be starting to clear weeds and shrubs.
- C. Project Updates (Kids Bike Trail, Southern Beltline Acquisition, Curry Park, Civic Center Ice Making Plant): Beltline phase 1 is closed out. There are a few pieces yet to acquire. Phase 2 appraisal is commencing. Phase 2 involves only one property owner. Curry Park paperwork has been sent to the DNR for closeout. The Demo of the current Civic Center Ice Making Plant has happened. ADA parking and pathways are being bid out. Curry Park was full for the last weekend.
8. Other Business: Director Bergman talked about a conference that he went to in Marquette. He discussed a coalition of motorized and non-motorized users along with others to work together to secure public land. Preserving access to public land was the goal. Nezworski would like to see more multi-use trails.
9. Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

**Motion by Semo to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kirchhoff. Motion carried 7 to 0.
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Kangas, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant