



213 S. Marquette St. Ironwood, MI 49938
Memorial Building, Conference Room #1, 2nd Floor

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Recording of the Roll
3. Meeting Protocol
4. Approval of the December 3, 2012 and January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of the Agenda
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. Depot Park Plan
 - b. 2011-2015 Park and Recreation Plan Amendment
 - c. Budget
 - d. Basketball Hoops
9. Project Updates
 - a. RR Grade Working Group
 - b. River Walk Trail
10. Other Business
11. Next Meeting: March 4, 2013
12. Adjournment



Proceedings of the Parks & Recreation Committee December 3, 2012

A regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6:00P.M. in Conference Room #1, 2nd Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

Call to Order

Chair Davey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Recording of the Roll

Member	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Andresen, Will	X			
Burchell, Annette	X			
Davey, Sam	X			
Frank, Steve	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie ex-officio, non voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			

Also present: Community Development Director Michael J. D. Brown. In the audience, an All Terrain Group (ATV).

3. Approval of the Month November 3, 2012 Minutes.

Motion was made by Frank, to approve the November 3, 2012 Minutes as presented. **Second** by Andresen. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by True, to approve the Agenda with the addition of items: **7g** – State trail (R. Kolesar and move this to position a), and **7h** Snow shoveling sidewalks. **Second** by Andresen **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit)

All Terrain Group (Western Upper Peninsula Association) (asked to wait until Item 7a was addressed.)

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items NOT on the Agenda (Three-Minute Limit)
None



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7. Items for Discussion and Consideration:

- a. State Trails. The ATV group (Western Upper Peninsula Association) would like to have the City maintain the ATV trails. Mr. True walked the trails this last week and then presented a map and proposed a few neighborhood friendly routes to Trail #2. (See map). It is the agreement of both the City and the ATV group that all AVT'rs, snowmachiner's, homeowners and businesses be safe while travelling the neighborhoods to the trails.

There was a discussion whether or not recreational ATV trails should be allowed within City limits other than Trail #2, or if trails should be created for the purpose of accessing Trail #2.

This issue will be addressed again. Both parties will look at and assist with the Master Trail plan development – a plan that all can be proud of.

- b. Updates to the Parks & Recreation Bylaws

Director Brown presented the revisions to the Bylaws.

Motion by Kangas to accept changes as presented with the Parks and Recreation Bylaws, **Second** Davey. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

- c. Update Sign at Patterson Tennis Courts (Luppino)

Director Brown presented Mr. Luppino's requested that a pink and white sign be erected at the Patterson Tennis Courts for Mr. Luppino's contribution of asphalt. Discussion ensued with an idea of a plaque including all donors' names (those donors that would like to have their names on a plaque – some wish to remain anonymous).

Motion by Andresen to send this matter up to the City Commission to thank the donors. **Second** was by Davey. **Motion Carried 6 – 1** with Frank dissenting.

- d. Longyear Park Donation

Mr. Brown stated that a donation was received for \$22,000. What would Parks and Recreation like to see upgraded?

- 1) Handicap accessibility
- 2) Restrooms (such as an enclosure for port-a-potty)
- 3) Handicap accessible curbing
- 4) Picnic benches or tables.



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Director Brown is attending a grants seminar in mid-January 2013, ahead of the due date of April for the grant. He will see what is being looked for in grants and report back to the Committee for more input on this matter.

- e. Director Brown led a goal setting session for 2013. (See attached compilation)
- f. Old Landfill Site – French Town Road
Currently houses the model airplane flying club. Find out how much time the Club currently uses the field. The model airplane club were to have brought in a Fly-In convention and that has not happened. Could there be other uses for this such as a dog park?
- g. Snow shoveling on Sidewalks

Steve Frank presented this item. He believes that the sidewalks should be shoveled by the residents. If we are to support the Safe Routes to School program as well as other needs, snow shoveling needs to happen. In 2011, one person was killed and one was injured. Just a week ago another serious injury occurred on US2 and Wemple when the person was walking in the road instead of the sidewalk. Shackelford indicated sidewalks on more heavily travelled streets may need to be plowed as opposed to all sidewalks.

Motion by Frank to have the City draft a shoveling ordinance and enforce it. **Second** by Vuorenma. **Motion Carried 6 – 1** with Kangas dissenting.

8. Project Updates:

Norrie School Site

Director Brown stated that ideas are being presented for a playground area and how the City and school district can work together.

RR Grade Working Group

In process

River Walk Trail

In process

9. Other Business:

Frank announced that the City/DIDA is going to be submitting an infrastructure grant. Maybe this could entail an improved city parking lot near the Dance Studio; new lighting and paving.

Motion by Davey to pave and light the parking lot near the Dance Studio. **Second** by Frank. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**



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Director Brown announced that the City has been recommended for funding from the DNR for 599 miles of bike trail installed from Wisconsin to Michigan.

Motion by Andresen that a letter be sent to the Governor in support of safe biking, hiking and walking trails. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 6 - 1.** Frank dissented.

Director Brown presented the US2 update with regards to the number of lanes. The State of Michigan would like to hear the City's thoughts on the number of lanes and other policy issues by the end of December 2012.

Motion by Frank that 3-lanes with center turn lane, curbing and sidewalk be recommended to the City Planners and Commissioners. **Second** by Davey. **Motion Carried 7 - 0.**

Committee suggests a meeting between Planning and the City Commissioners take place to discuss US2.

10. Next Meeting: January 7, 2013

11. Adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Motion by True to adjourn. Second by Davey. Motion Carried 7 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant



Proceedings of the Park and Recreation Committee
Monday January 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in Conference Room #1, 2nd Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Davey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Andresen, Will	X			
Burchell, Annette	X			
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Frank, Steve	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Shackelford, Monie, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce		X		X

Also present, Community Development Director Michael J.D. Brown.

3. Meeting Protocol:

Chair Davey explained how the future meetings would move forward with some basic Roberts Rules of Order. There will be limited interaction with Board Members and the audience. If Members have questions, they will be directed to the Chair. Hand raising will be utilized to speak.

Approval of the Agenda: Chair Davey explained that it is his understanding that the approval of agenda does not have to have a vote on it by the Committee to approve such agenda and to move forward with that meeting. Frank stated that he believes that opens meeting laws did not apply to this group. Director Brown will check on this further.

Director Brown explained that due to confusion at another meeting, when an item is voted upon, Community Development Assistant Kim Coon will read back the motion to the committee, so that everyone is correctly informed what the item being voted upon is. After Community Development

Assistant Coon reads the motion back to the committee a formal roll call will be had.

Public comment should be directed to the chair.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Burchell stated that Bruce Vuorenmaa's last name was spelled incorrectly on the December 3, 2012 Minutes. Community Development Assistant Coon, said that she would check for the correct spelling of his name. Chair Davey also explained that the Minutes do not need to be approved.

Chairman Davey approved the Minutes with corrections.

5. Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Davey explained that it is his understanding that the approval of agendas does not have to have a vote on it by the Committee to move forward with that meeting. Frank stated that he believed that opens meeting laws did not apply to this group. Director Brown will check on this further.

Motion by True to approve the Agenda. Second by Kangas. Motion Carried 6 – 0.

Director Brown stated that he would like 48-hours notice to change the agenda and add items.

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. Longyear Park Donation:

Director Brown will be attending the DNR meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 and will return with some suggestions on what this Committee might see as a benefit to the park. The City received a donation of \$22,500. Director Brown suggested the Committee start to write down items that it would like to see this money used for.

Burchell to call a member of the Band Shell to see what it is they may like to see in this park. Shackleford suggested that the neighbors be contacted and asked for their opinion. Also suggested was to ask students for their opinion.

b. Review 2013 Goals:

Chairman Davey stated the policy regarding priority of trails and the Masterplan should be of high importance. Goal to be focused on motorized and non-motorized. True has a large aerial map he will bring in.

Highway 2 design – Director Brown stated that we would be looking into applying for a grant for enhancements to the project.

Frank believes that when we design trailheads, that we should be looking at neighborhood parks that could be involved in the master trail plan. A discussion ensued regarding incorporating city schools, parks, libraries, etc., into the masterplan.

Frank asked member Andresen to write out a policy on the trailheads. Andresen indicated he would write a DRAFT.

The group would like to see the Masterplan together by the time the snow ends here this season.

9. Project Updates:

a. Norrie School Site:

Director Brown talked with Tim Kolesar. He would be interested in having something done there. What are we thinking, what do we want to do with this site? Come up with concepts and bring it up to the school. We are only looking at a portion of this property. There is a bike path there that could be tied into Norrie and into the Masterhead trail plan.

b. RR Grade Working Group:

Davey said that the non-motorized is done (Canadian national) is in the DNR's hands. Looks like our grant is almost approved so we will be able to start fixing or black topping this year. North-side is non-motorized and motorized is in Ironwood and the southside one is in Bessemer. Ironwood to Ramsey seeing we have been using this as a trail for at least 25-30 years, the attorney general needs to present this and state that this is ours. There are 2 property owners from Ramsey to the open pit. Both are against ATV. With the homeowner's blessing, we can go right down to grade on non-motorized

c. River Walk Trail:

Davey went to the Ironwood Township today and they are on board with this project. Parks and Recreation has a meeting on the 14th of this month to present the concept of the River Walk trail. Parks and Recreation need to write up a synopsis. The Township will call their insurance company and make sure that their insurance will cover this. Then the trail would be put in the Township portion of the trail system.

9. Other Business:

Andresen planted a seed regarding the old ski jumps around various places in town and wanted to know if informative signs could be put up. Burchell indicated that informational marking and/or historical signs are being discussed and are in process.

Because of the proximity to the fairgrounds, has any consideration been given to equestrian horse paths somewhere in the vicinity to the river walk? Should we talk to homeowners / equestrians around the area to see if that could be included. Chair Davey to talk to homeowner(s) and get input.

Frank indicated that he spoke to the insurance agent for Xcel trails that are closed. Public units cannot pay for the insurance needs for the trails, but a responsible private group can.

Frank read a letter from a mother (which was posted on the Superior Chronicle website) regarding access to the downtown stores for her handicapped son. He can't go to the Bookstore because of the snow banks and un-shoveled sidewalks. This Committee should review this for ADA and other city enforcement.

10. Next Meeting:

February 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

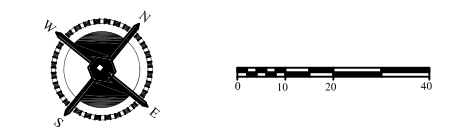
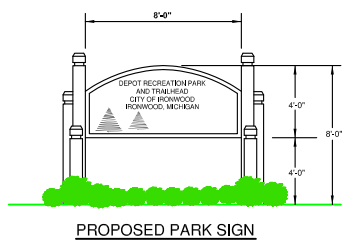
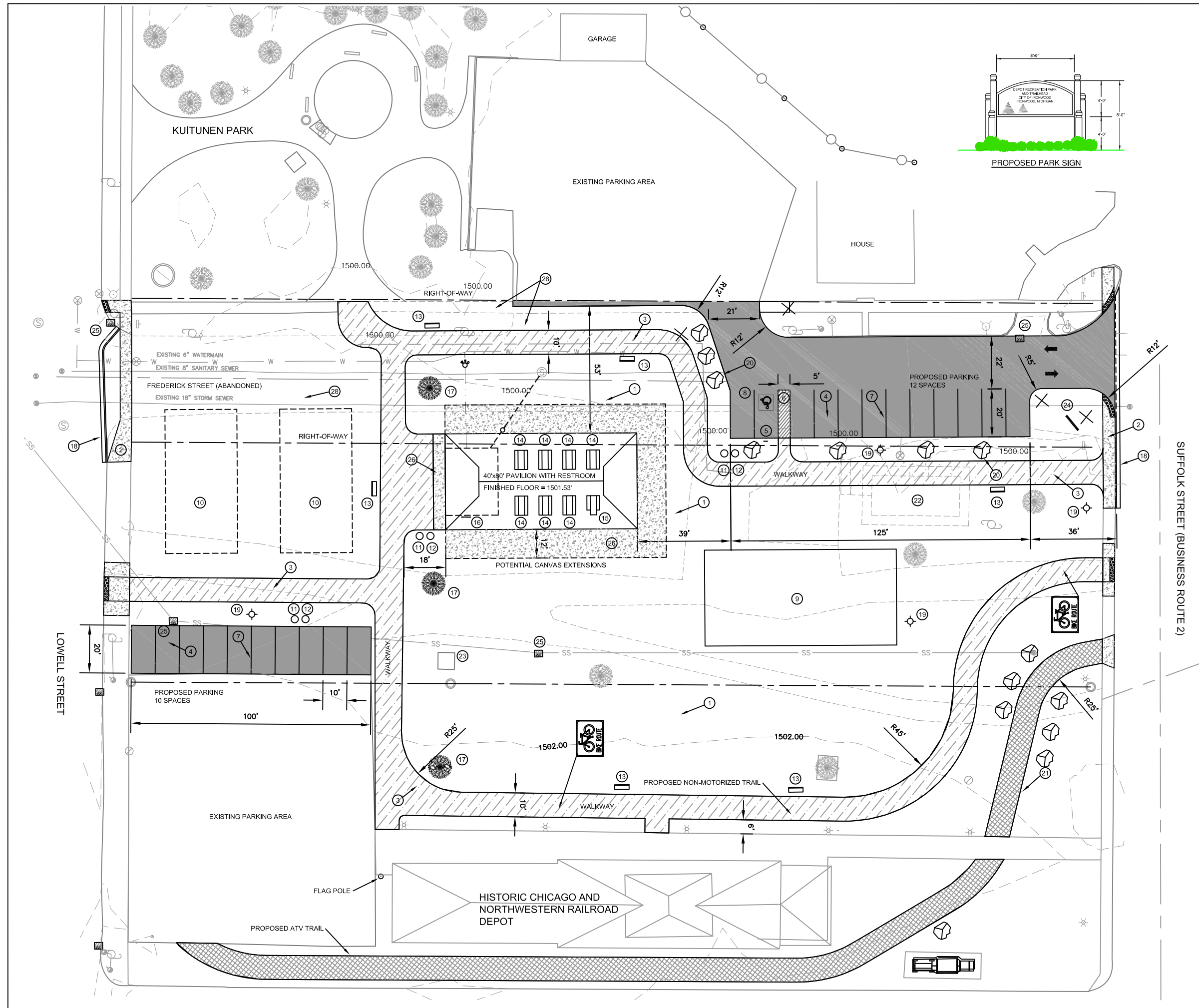
11. Adjournment:

Motion by True. Second Andresen. Motion Carried. Adjournment 7:40 P.M.

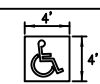
Respectfully Submitted

Sam Davey, Chair

Kim M. Coon, Community Development Assistant



KEY NOTE SCHEDULE

①	TOPSOIL, SEED, FERTILIZE AND MULCH ALL DISTURBED AREAS
②	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALKS
③	2" HMA WALKING TRAIL
④	3" HMA PARKING LOT
⑤	HANDICAP PARKING SIGNAGE
⑥	HANDICAP ACCESS AISLE
⑦	PAVEMENT MARKINGS
⑧	PAINTED HANDICAP SYMBOL 
⑨	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
⑩	FUTURE 30'x60' VOLLEYBALL COURT
⑪	TRASH RECEPTACLE
⑫	RECYCLING RECEPTACLE
⑬	6' BENCH WITH BACKREST
⑭	8' HEAVY DUTY ALUMINUM PICNIC TABLE
⑮	6' HEAVY DUTY PICNIC TABLE WITH ACCESS
⑯	KIOSK
⑰	TREES, TO BE DETERMINED BY MASTER GARDENERS
⑱	CONCRETE CURB, TO MATCH EXISTING TYPE
⑲	LIGHTING, TO MATCH EXISTING TYPE AT THE DEPOT PARK
⑳	BOULDERS BY OTHERS
㉑	EXISTING SIGNAGE TO BE REMOVED
㉒	EXISTING BUILDING TO BE REMOVED
㉓	EXISTING BELL AND PAD TO BE REMOVED
㉔	PROPOSED PARK SIGN
㉕	INLET PROTECTION
㉖	4" CONCRETE APRON
㉗	EXISTING STREET TO BE ABANDONED, REMOVE EXISTING HMA, AGGREGATE BASE, CONCRETE SIDEWALK, CURB AND GUTTER

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SHEET NAME:
SITE PLAN

CLIENT:
**CITY OF IRONWOOD
 DEPOT RECREATION PARK AND TRAILHEAD**

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 CHECKED BY: MUF

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MEMO

To: Chair Davey and the Park & Recreation Committee

From: Michael J. D. Brown, Community Development Director

Date: January 28, 2013

Re: 2011-2015 Park & Recreation Plan Amendment

On January 14, 2013 I attended a workshop put on by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding its upcoming grant programs. Based on this workshop and the conversations the Committee has had regarding the donation (\$22,926.94) for Longyear Park, an amendment to the 2011-2015 Park & Recreation Plan is required. In order to apply for a grant whatever improvements the City would apply for must be in its approved Park & Recreation Plan. Currently, the only item listed for Longyear Park is the installation of permanent restrooms. Therefore, if the Committee would like to use the donation to apply for a grant an amendment will be required. The amendment must be to the DNR for review and approval by March 1, 2013 in order to allow enough time for approval prior to the April 1, 2013 grant submission deadline.

I suggest amending the plan by adding Longyear Park Improvements to the 2013 Capital Improvement Schedule that is in Chapter 7 of the plan. A resolution is included in your packet with the modification.

Therefore, the Committee should recommend to the City Commission to approve Resolution 013-004.

In addition, I spoke with the City's DNR grant coordinator to gauge what grant to apply for. I explained what the Committee has been talking about doing at Longyear Park and based on that it was suggested that the City apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant. The minimum grant request is \$30,000 with a 50 percent match, which would total a minimum project cost of \$60,000. While this grant requires a greater match, the DNR at the workshop said that the past few years everyone that has applied for the LWCF has been awarded grant funding. This is because not many communities apply because of the greater grant match. The City's DNR grant coordinator thought this would be the City's best chance at securing a grant for this type of project based on the criteria of the other potential grants. As a reminder, the City also will have additional match funding available based on the timber sales that have and will take place as it plans for applying for a grant.

If there are any other projects the Committee wants to consider applying for a grant this would also be a good opportunity to do so, such as reapplying for the Curry Park grant the City didn't receive this past round.

RESOLUTION #013-004
2011-2016 FIVE (5) YEAR PARK AND RECREATION PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Ironwood has undertaken a Five Year Park and Recreation Plan Amendment which describes the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2011 and 2016, and

WHEREAS, a public comment period was held from February 6, 2013 through February 22, to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions about all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ironwood has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the amendment to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing held on February 25, 2013, the City of Ironwood voted to adopt said Recreation Plan Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Ironwood hereby adopts the City of Ironwood Recreation Plan Amendment, attached as Exhibit A, as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Ironwood.

Yeas:
Nays:
Absent::

I, Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk, City of Ironwood do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Ironwood City Commission at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 25th day of February, 2013.

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk

Exhibit A – Park & Recreation Plan Amendment

Chapter 7

ACTION PROGRAM

This Section details the five-year action program for the City of Ironwood. The action program is based on considerable public input including the Community Recreation Survey.

The action program calls for a focus on improvements to the current park system, as well as the development of additional facilities in order to more fully meet the community's needs. Funding for this program is intended to come from a variety of sources including; state and federal grants, donations, fund raising, foundations and City contributions. The program is outlined in the table below.

Survey respondents' recommendations for potential future park and recreation improvements provide some guidance for the Parks and Recreation Committee. The following potential improvements garnered the broadest support showing over 75 percent aggregate importance in order of scoring: Longyear Park Permanent Restrooms, Outdoor Skating Rink, Signs describing local history, Downtown Pavilion, and Playground on North Side of Highway 2

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

YEAR	PROJECT	COST	FUNDING SOURCES
2011	Purchase Railroad Grades	\$200,000	1, 2, 6
	Norrie Park Playground Equipment & Improvements	\$40,000	1, 3
	Dog Park	\$5,000	6
	Implement Bike Lanes on City Streets	\$2,500	1, 4, 5
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens	\$1,500	4, 5, 6
	Develop and Adopt Trail Master Plan	\$15,000	1, 2, 5, 6
	Identify/Purchase Location for Park North of US Rte 2	\$5,000	1, 4, 6
	Upgrade Civic Center Ice-Making Capacity & Other	\$300,000	1, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Plan for River Walk Trail System/Montreal River	N/C	
	Develop and Adopt Basic Master Plan for 2 Parks	N/C	
2012	Depot Park Area Improvements	\$429,000	1, 2, 5, 6, 8
	Purchase Railroad Grades	\$200,000	1, 2, 6
	Longyear Park Permanent Restrooms	\$50,000	1, 3, 6

	Develop Non-Motorized Trails in the City	\$5,000	1, 2, 5, 6, 8
	Develop River Walk Trail System/Montreal River	\$50,000	1, 2, 4, 5
	Dog Park	\$5,000	6
	Implement Bike Lanes on City Streets	\$2,500	1, 5
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens	\$1,500	4, 5, 6 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
	Mt Zion Park Improvements	\$10,000	6
	Create an Outdoor Skating Rink	\$10,000	1, 3, 4, 5
	Install Signs Describing Local History	\$5,000	3, 5, 6
2012	Build Playground on the North Side of US Rte 2	\$30,000	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	Upgrade Civic Center Ice-Making Capacity, Other	\$100,000	1, 4, 6
	Install Sign for each City Neighborhood	\$7,500	5, 8
	Develop & Adopt MMHP Master Plan	\$20,000	1, 5, 6
	Develop and Adopt Basic Master Plan for 2 Parks	N/C	
	Resurface Patterson Tennis Court	\$10,000	1, 3
	Upgrade Electric System at Curry Park Campground	\$7,000	1, 4, 5
2013	Purchase Railroad Grades	\$200,000	2
	Develop and Improve Trails & Trailheads	\$360,000	1, 2
	Depot Park Area Improvements	\$200,000	1, 2, 5, 6, 8
	Develop Non-Motorized Trails in the City	\$5,000	1, 2, 5, 6, 8
	Develop River Walk Trail System/Montreal River	\$50,000	1, 2, 4, 5
	Implement Bike Lanes on City Streets	\$2,500	1, 5
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens	\$1,500	4, 5, 6 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
	Mt Zion Park Improvements	\$10,000	6
	Install Signs Describing Local History	\$5,000	3, 5, 6
	Install Sign for each City Neighborhood	\$7,500	5, 8
	Explore Feasibility of Children's/Nature Museum	\$15,000	5, 6
	Upgrade Civic Center Ice-Making Capacity, Other	\$100,000	1, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Plan for US 2 Non-Motorized Corridor Enhancements	\$50,000	1 - 6
	Develop and Adopt Basic Master Plan for 2 Parks	N/C	
	Longyear Park Improvements	\$100,000	1, 4, 6
2014	Purchase Railroad Grades	\$200,000	2

	Develop and Improve Trails & Trailheads	\$360,000	1, 2
	Develop Non-Motorized Trails in the City	\$5,000	1, 2, 5, 6, 8
	Develop River Walk Trail System/Montreal River	\$50,000	1, 2, 4, 5
	Lighted X-Country Ski Trail in MMHP	\$40,000	1, 3, 6
	Implement Bike Lanes on City Streets	\$2,500	1, 5
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens	\$1,500	4, 5, 6
	Install Signs Describing Local History	\$5,000	3, 5, 6
	Install Sign for each City Neighborhood	\$7,500	5, 8
	Implement US 2 Corridor Enhancements	\$170,000	1 - 6
	Develop and Adopt Basic Master Plan for 2 Parks	N/C	
2015	Purchase Railroad Grades	\$200,000	2
	Develop and Improve Trails & Trailheads	\$360,000	1, 2
	Develop Non-Motorized Trails in the City	\$50,000	1, 2, 5, 6, 8
	Develop River Walk Trail System/Montreal River	\$50,000	1, 2, 4, 5
	Implement Bike Lanes on City Streets	\$2,500	1, 5
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens	\$1,500	4, 5, 6
	Install Signs Describing Local History	\$5,000	3, 5, 6
	Install Sign for each City Neighborhood	\$7,500	5, 8
	Implement US 2 Corridor Enhancements	\$170,000	1 - 6
	Develop and Adopt Basic Master Plan for 2 Parks	N/C	

Funding Source:

1. City of Ironwood
2. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
3. Recreation Passport Grant
4. Land and Water Conservation Fund
5. Other State or Federal Programs
6. Private Sources (fund raising, donations, recreation association, & foundation grants)
7. Neighborhood Preservation Program (MSHDA)
8. MDOT

RECREATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Recreation clubs can be formed at little to no cost and give residents a chance to participate in an activity that gets them out of the house and in shape. Perhaps these clubs would meet weekly. Club Examples: Walking, Running, Book, Biking, Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing. Explore establishing "Friends of" organizations for various parks.

A website, perhaps a blog, could be set up to initiate and trade club ideas. Partner organizations, such as local fitness centers, ski trails or the Carnegie Library, could make users aware of club opportunities.

Educational programs should be explored including bringing speakers to Gogebic Community College.

IMPLEMENT BIKE ROUTES ESTABLISHED BY COMMITTEE

In January 2011, the Parks and Recreation Committee established bike routes on City streets where lanes could easily be added as part of an infrastructure upgrade project, or independent of any public works project. (See Attachment F.) The city is exploring the feasibility of developing a Complete Streets program. Continue working with area schools on Safe Routes to Schools program.

PARKS AND RECREATION POLICY & BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The Committee should discuss and make recommendations addressing the following parks and recreation policy areas that may require guidance, clarity and/or leadership from the City:

- Litter in parks and rest of the City.
- Cleaning up after dogs in parks, trails and rest of the City.
- Adding more discretionary funding to the Parks & Recreation budget.
- Define the scope of parks and recreation. What is recreation?
- Look for ways to communicate and collaborate more effectively with the Downtown Ironwood Development Authority, and provide support for Downtown Blueprint implementation.
- Effective code enforcement as it relates to park and recreation facilities.
- Brainstorm challenges of tighter funding, more municipalities chasing fewer dollars for park and recreation projects.