



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. Approval of the January 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of the Agenda
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. Parks Financials
8. Items for Discussion and Consideration
 - a. DNR Grant Application (see attached project list from park plan)
 - b. Capital Improvement Park Fund – Strategy 5.1(b) of the Comprehensive Plan/Park Plan
 - c. U.S. 2 Fill
 - d. Depot Park Ice Rink
9. Project Updates
 - a. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status
 - b. Grant Status
 - i. Art Park
 - ii. Regional Trail
 - iii. Longyear Park
10. Other Business
11. Next Meeting: March 2, 2015
12. Adjournment



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, January 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in the Conference Room #1, Second Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Davey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Anderson, Paul		X	X	
Burchell, Annette	X			
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			
	7	Quorum		

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by True to approve the November 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion carried 6 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Wamhoff to accept the Agenda. **Second** by True. **Motion carried 6 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. Park Financials were not presented.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Trail Summit Follow Up: Director Brown updated the committee on the previous trail summit and presented the current proposed trails for motorized trails in relation to non-motorized trails and school property. Director Brown will follow up with the major groups to solidify a plan, to present to the Parks & Rec Committee.

9. Project Updates:

- a. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status: Director Brown updated the committee on the progress of the plan. Davey brought up two new items: 1. To focus attention on the river walk which would be easy from his perspective and 2. For the City to purchase the land from all of the abandoned rail grades. Discussion followed. Director Brown mentioned that priorities were already agreed upon from last meeting and the Comprehensive Plan.
- b. Dog Park Status: Director Brown updated the Committee with his conversation with the airplane group. Davey brought up a discussion he had with HOPE and the Miners Memorial Heritage Park group of creating the dog park on the corner of Bonnie and Ayer.
- c. Grant Status: Director Brown updated the committee on the following items:
 - i. Art Park: Successfully obtained funding.
 - ii. Regional Trail: Construction begins in 2015.
 - iii. Longyear Park: Bid specs are into the DNR for review.
 - iv. Depot Park: Applied for DNR Trust Fund grant and have been recommended by the DNR.
 - v. Curry Park: Applied for DNR Trust Fund grant and have been recommended by the DNR.

10. Other Business:

- a. The Committee discussed future potential projects to consider. The projects to consider were a basketball court, natural playground, and outdoor skating rink at the Depot Park Volleyball Courts. The Committee did choose to prioritize trails at the previous meeting. Kangas requested Director Brown to ask for Downtown Ironwood Development Authority support for an outdoor skating rink at Depot Park.
- b. True had requested a committee to review alternate dumping locations for highway materials to divert dumping away from the park.

11. Next Meeting: February 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment: **Motion** by Wamhoff to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by True. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sam Davey, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant

INCOME STATEMENT
DECEMBER

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City Of Ironwood

YEAR: THROUGH DECEMBER	YTD Amd. Bud.	YTD Actual
Fund: 101 - GENERAL FUND		
Expenditures		
Dept: 751.000 PARKS MAINTENANCE		
702.000 SALARIES AND WAGES	40,000.00	12,551.04
703.000 OVERTIME WAGES	0.00	103.59
715.000 SOCIAL SECURITY	3,000.00	963.28
718.000 RETIREMENT	6,000.00	3,402.55
718.002 RETIREE HEALTH CARE	4,000.00	0.00
719.000 OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS	100.00	100.00
728.000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,000.00	8,401.36
751.000 GAS - OIL - DIESEL FUEL	0.00	176.33
777.000 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	1,000.00	58.73
801.000 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	10,000.00	5,364.99
803.000 DEER HUNTING PROGRAM	2,500.00	300.00
851.000 ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	800.00	0.00
853.000 TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	200.00	0.00
910.000 INSURANCE AND BONDS	3,000.00	370.50
917.000 WORKERS COMPENSATION	500.00	185.16
920.000 PUBLIC UTILITIES	10,000.00	5,595.91
930.000 MAINTENANCE STRUCTURES	10,000.00	0.00
933.000 MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	300.00	0.00
943.000 EQUIPMENT RENTAL DPW	18,000.00	9,743.39
956.000 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	0.00	150.00
PARKS MAINTENANCE	112,400.00	47,466.83
Expenditures	112,400.00	47,466.83
Grand Total Net Effect:	-112,400.00	-47,466.83

PARKS ACTION PROGRAM

This section provides guidance on improvements for the next 6 years in Ironwood. This program is based in the community feedback and ideas generated as part of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

Focus for the action program is on:

- Implementing the trail plan and creating connections to regional trails and loops
- Signage and wayfinding
- Facilities to meet the community's needs and desires
- Recognizing the costs associated with maintenance
- Continuing the dialogue with the community to ensure parks are meeting the needs of residents and goals outlined in the plan

At the end of each year, the city should go through the checklist to see what they were able to accomplish. Inevitably, some new projects will arise, and others will slide into the next year. As part of the annual checklist there should be a self evaluation of how well we did implementing the plan and why there were successes or struggles.

	Neighborhood	Community	Regional
Maintenance	Continue to maintain neighborhood parks to maintain safety. Consider less intensive maintenance regimes such as native plantings in underused areas.	Consider less intensive maintenance regimes such as native plantings in underused or more natural areas.	Support the maintenance efforts of Friends of Miners Memorial Heritage Park
Repair and Refurbish	Re-install and upgrade playground facilities at Hiawatha Park.	Support athletic groups' efforts to improve facilities	
Facilities Expansion & Special Project Areas	Playground facilities at the eastern end of Miners Park to serve Newport, Jessieville, and Aurora Locations Vacant Lot Strategies	Additional study for athletic facilities Add outdoor rink as part of Pat O'Donnell Center Dog Park River Walk	Examine feasibility of Miners Park as a Regional Park
New Parks	Pursue the acquisition of neighborhood parkland north of Highway 2 as part of redevelopment		
Trails	In parks	In parks Make loops	Trailheads

2015		
Status	Description	Cost
	Land Acquisition for Trails	Var.
	Develop & Improve Trails & Trailheads	Var.
	Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign)	<\$1k
	Depot Park Improvements	Var.
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art	<\$5k
	Outdoor Rink at Pat O'Donnell	\$25-75k
	Miners Park Master Plan	\$10-50k
	Playground North of Hwy 2	\$40-80k
	Historic Signage	\$2-5K
	Implement a stormwater demonstration project	\$2-5K
	Mt. Zion Improvements	\$10-20k
	Upgrade Electrical at Curry	\$7-15k
	Maintenance/Operations	\$105k
	Parks User Survey and Summit	None
	Annual Review of Parks Action Program	None

How did we do? _____ Why? _____

2016		
Status	Description	Cost
	Land Acquisition for Trails	Var.
	Develop & Improve Trails & Trailheads	Var.
	Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign)	<\$1k
	Depot Park Improvements	Var.
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art	<\$5k
	Dog Park	\$5-15k
	Playground Upgrades at Hiawatha	\$40-80k
	Build River Walk	\$50-100k
	Park Wayfinding	\$5-10k
	Improvements to Little League Field	\$5-30k
	Explore Museum Feasibility (nature/childrens)	\$10-50k
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Maintenance/Operations	\$105k
	Parks User Survey and Summit	None
	Annual Review of Parks Action Program	None

How did we do? _____ Why? _____

2017		
Status	Description	Cost
	Land Acquisition for Trails	Var.
	Develop & Improve Trails & Trailheads	Var.
	Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign)	<\$1k
	Depot Park Improvements	Var.
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art	<\$5k
	Playground at East Side of Miners Park	\$40-80k
	Lighted Ski Trail in Miners Park	\$30-100k
	Improvements to Dam at Norrie Park	\$500k-1M
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Maintenance/Operations	\$105k
	Parks User Survey and Summit	None
	Annual Review of Parks Action Program	None

How did we do? _____ Why? _____

2018		
Status	Description	Cost
	Land Acquisition for Trails	Var.
	Develop & Improve Trails & Trailheads	Var.
	Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign)	<\$1k
	Depot Park Improvements	Var.
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art	<\$5k
	Depot Park Playground	\$40-100k
	Depot Park Pavilion Upgrades	\$15-50k
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Maintenance/Operations	\$105k
	Parks User Survey and Summit	None
	Annual Review of Parks Action Program	None

How did we do? _____ Why? _____

2019		
Status	Description	Cost
	Land Acquisition for Trails	Var.
	Develop & Improve Trails & Trailheads	Var.
	Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign)	<\$1k
	Depot Park Improvements	Var.
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art	<\$5k
	5 Year Parks System Plan	\$20-50k
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Maintenance/Operations	\$105k
	Parks User Survey and Summit	None
	Annual Review of Parks Action Program	None

How did we do? _____ Why? _____

2020		
Status	Description	Cost
	Land Acquisition for Trails	Var.
	Develop & Improve Trails & Trailheads	Var.
	Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign)	<\$1k
	Depot Park Improvements	Var.
	Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art	<\$5k
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
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	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Fill in new + spillover from last year	
	Maintenance/Operations	\$105k
	Parks User Survey and Summit	None
	Annual Review of Parks Action Program	None

How did we do? _____ Why? _____

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Funding sources are available from a number of different sources for improving and developing parks in Michigan.

- City of Ironwood
- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Wildlife and Aquatic Habitat Grants
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Recreation Passport Grant
- Other State & Federal Programs
- Neighborhood Preservation Program (MSHDA)
- MDOT
- Private Sources: Donations, Fundraising, Sponsorships, In-Kind Work
- Additional grants are listed for specific projects such as forestry, stewardship, education, safe routes to school, trails, water resources, and ORVs by the DNR.