



**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 August 3, 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. Off Road Motorized Trail Routes
 - b. Mt. Zion
9. Project Updates
 - a. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status
 - b. Miners Park Plan
 - c. Grant Status
 - i. Regional Trail
 - ii. Longyear Park
 - iii. Depot Park
 - iv. Curry Park
10. Other Business
11. Next Meeting: October 5, 2015
12. Adjournment



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, August 3, 2015, 5:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in the Women's Club Room, 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			
Burchell, Annette	X – arrived at 5:38pm			
Davey, Sam – Chair	X			
Kangas, Tom	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting	X			
True, Marion	X			
Vuorenmaa, Bruce	X			
Wamhoff, Colleen	X			
	8	0		

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

3. Approval of the July 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Anderson to approve the July 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Anderson to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Wamhoff. **Motion carried 7 to 0.**

5. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on Items on the agenda (Three-Minute Limit):
A citizen addressed the committee on item 8a. He stated that the park should be shared by both ATV and pedestrian activity.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Committee on items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):
A citizen addressed the committee on the new Iron Belle Trail. He stated concerns about the location where the non-motorized and motorized trails connect. He suggested a stop sign to solve the problem.

7. Park Financials: None to report.

8. Items for discussion and consideration:

- a. Update on Miner's Park and Motorized Trails in the Park: Director Brown introduced the topic and also introduced Paul Kostelnik, President of the Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park; Kim Kolesar, with the Western UP Trail Authority; and Lisa Hetfield with the Western UP Snow Shakers who then presented before the committee. Additional items were passed out to be included in the discussion. The three represented groups met prior to this meeting and came to an agreement on temporary routes for motorized trails and also came to a temporary agreement on a number of additional issues; discussion continued.

Anderson left at 6:30pm.

- b. Trail Connection between Regional Trail and Miners Park: Director Brown presented proposed locations for trail connections from the regional trail to the Miners Memorial Heritage Park; discussion followed. The Committee came to consensus to move forward with the route due south of the regional trail and to work with property owners to acquire easements.
- c. Mt. Zion Viewing Deck: Director Brown talked about the project and his discussion with the City Commission about the project. The City Commission didn't allocate money towards the project. There was consensus between the group to continue to focus on the viewing deck, but to seek a blessing from the City Commission in order to seek outside funding. Burchell and Kangas indicated they would put together a letter to the City Commission and bring it back for discussion at next month's meeting.
- d. Regional Trail Etiquette: Director Brown presented a website dedicated to educating trail users on the best practices for using non-motorized trails, discussion followed. They decided to place some pictures at the depot in the pavilion as a start.

9. Project Updates:

- a. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status: Director Brown updated the Committee.
- b. Miners Park Plan: Paul Kostelnik presented and handed out materials to the Committee. He also updated them on the status of the plan in item 8a.
- c. Grant Status: Director Brown updated the committee on the following items:
- i. Art Park: Director Brown stated that the art park is complete; discussion followed.
 - ii. Regional Trail: Director Brown stated that the trail is complete and a ribbon cutting will be scheduled for September; discussion followed.
 - iii. Longyear Park: Director Brown stated that the park is complete and a ribbon cutting will be scheduled for September; discussion followed.

iv. Depot Park: Construction will be complete in 2016

v. Curry Park: Construction will be complete in 2016.

10. Other Business:

a. Wamhoff asked if camping was allowed in Norrie Park; She also stated that the trails are in terrible shape; discussion followed.

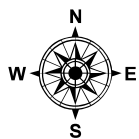
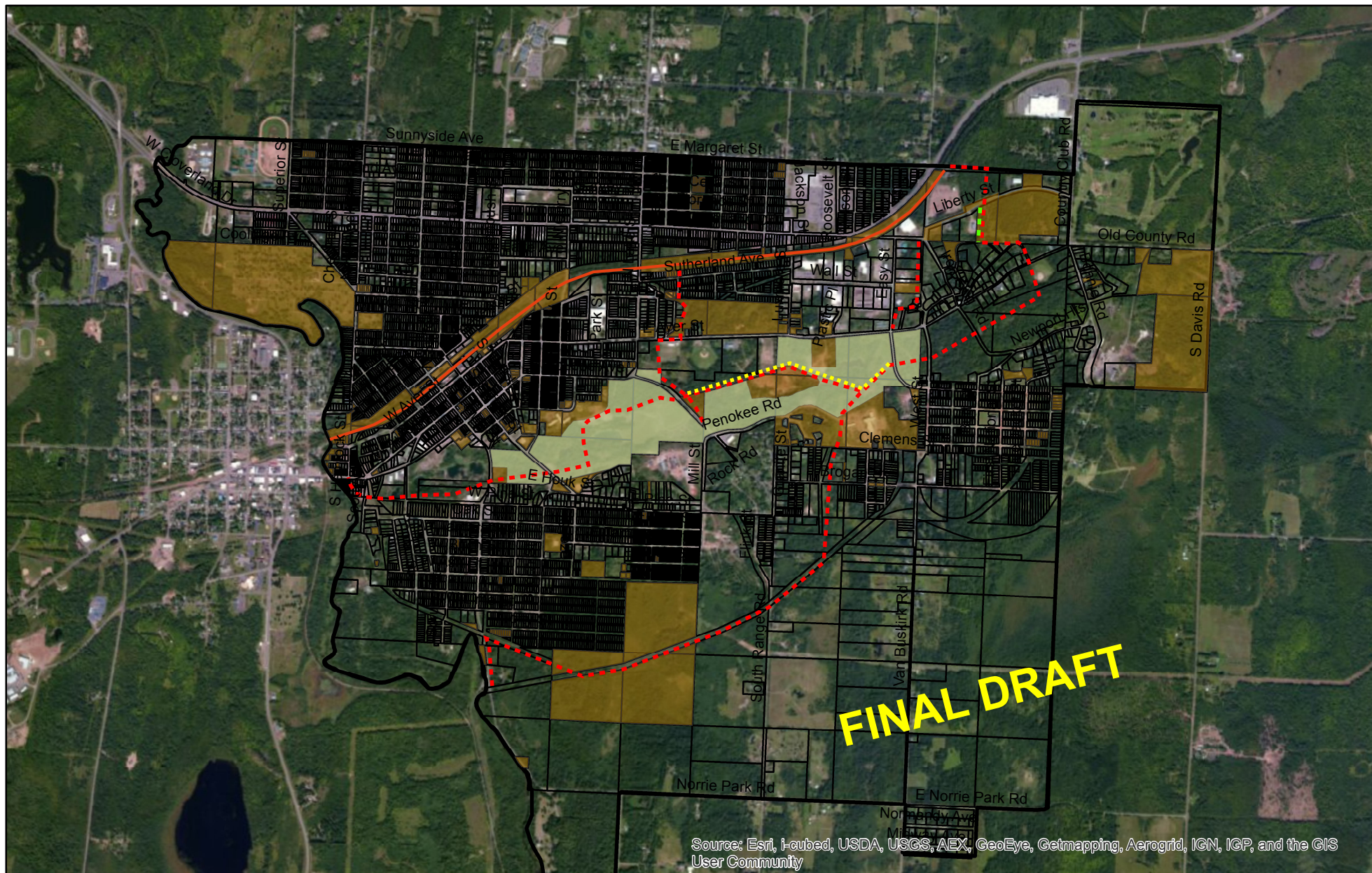
11. Next Meeting: September 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment: **Motion** by Wamhoff to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Kangas. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sam Davey, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant



Not to Scale

Proposed Off Road Motorized Trail Routes Map Exhibit A Resolution 015-035 Date: 9/2/2015

--- Proposed Off Road Motorized Trail Route

■ City Owned Property

□ Miners Park Boundary

--- Miner's Group prefers this proposed motorized trail segment be eliminated

Staff recommends establishing an access easement along the western boundary of City owned Industrial Park land in order to assist with future development of the Industrial Park as long as the adjacent property owners will grant access easement

The information contained in this map is for reference purposes only. The City of Ironwood is not responsible for the accuracy of the data.

**Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park
Position on ORV Trails in the MMHP**

1. Status of FMMHP, WUPSS & WUPTA Temporary Trails Agreement:

- A. Agree on signs, maintenance, costs, publicity, coordinating.
- B. Agree on majority of trails.
- C. **Outstanding Issues:**
 - 1) **Temporary trails** until MMHP Comprehensive Plan Approved, then trails use follows plan phases.
 - a) **Not addressed prior to Community Development meeting.**
 - 2) **McLeod/Frenchtown Corner** versus Landfill Fence Trail.
 - a) **Per Public Safety recommendation, agree to Landfill Fence Trail.**

2. FMMHP recommends the following ORV trail access to the MMHP pending the approval of the MMHP Comprehensive Plan:

- A. **Continue previous FMMHP, WUPSS & WUPTA Temporary Trails Agreement provisions** on signs, maintenance, costs, publicity & coordinating.
- B. To provide access to Trail 2, **the following ORV/multi-use trails are recommended:**
 - 1) **MMHP West to Trail 2:**
 - a) Xcel Building to Manny's Trail using Xcel power line easement
 - 2) **Manny's to Trail 2:**
 - a) Manny's to Little League Field ORV Trail
 - b) ORV Groups create Landfill Fence Trail in coordination with FMMHP
 - c) Cross Frenchtown Road to Football Field West End Zone Trail (IASD)
 - 3) **Frenchtown to Trail 2:**
 - a) Old Frenchtown Route (MMHP & IASD)
 - b) ORV Groups create Football Field West End Zone Trail (IASD)
 - 4) **MMHP East to Trail 2:**
 - a) ORV Groups create City Garage East Trail to avoid the existing Pabst Loop walking/skiing route.
- C. **The Bonnie Street entrance to and the Compost Road route is not recommended.** (FMMHP Board motion adopted August 25, 2015.)
 - 1) ORVs are already using a southern MMHP edge route avoiding the Miners Trail to get from Frenchtown Road to Manny's (via Globe Industries, Aspen Street [Norrie Circle] and the MMHP)

3. Guiding Regulations:

- A. **Ironwood City Code Chapter 30 - TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ARTICLE II. - UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE:**
 - 1) **DIVISION 10. - SNOWMOBILES**, Sec. 30-603. - Operation on roadway or highway prohibited; exceptions. (10.39), (5):
 - a) Snowmobiles may be operated pursuant to Michigan State Statutes and designated by resolution of the city commission as egress and ingress routes.
 - 2) **DIVISION 11 - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE USE ON CITY STREETS**, Sec. 30-624. - Regulations on ATV operation (Ord. No. 478, 10-25-10), (2):
 - a) **An ATV operated on a highway, street, or alley pursuant to this division shall at all times be operated:**
 - (a) **For the purpose of gaining access to or from an individual residence to a city, county, or state designated trail using the most direct route.**
 - (b) **For the purpose of purchasing retail goods and services in conjunction with the legal operation of an**

ATV, may, by the most direct route available, utilize the public alleys and streets located in the City of Ironwood and in so doing, travel in the most direct perpendicular manner

B. **Michigan Snowmobile Regulations** http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_14824-32293--,00.html,
A Person Shall Not Operate a Snowmobile:

- 1) • On or across a cemetery or burial ground, airport, railroad or a railroad right-of-way, or **within 100 feet of a sledding, skiing or skating area.**

C. **DNR Handbook of Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Laws** (2014), “It’s the Law!” section,

- 1) page 41: In addition to restrictions on state-owned lands and other violations previously noted, **ORV operation is prohibited:**
 - a) page 42: • **Within 100 feet of a slide, ski, or skating area.**
- 2) page 42: ORV operation is prohibited in public hunting areas during the regular November firearm deer season, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., except for these cases: [inaccessible hunting camp, “Permit to Hunt From a Standing Vehicle,” etc]

4. ORVs in the MMHP :

A. These recommendations provide **four southern MMHP entrances to two MMHP northern exits to reach Trail 2** for north/south travel through the MMHP.

B. The Miners Memorial Heritage Park was established by the city recognizing:

- 1) trails and signs would be installed to honor Ironwood’s miners and mining heritage.
- 2) trails would be established for walking and skiing trails.

C. **The Bonnie Street entrance to and the Compost Road route currently intersects the Miners Loop walking and skiing trails at seven points.**

- 1) **The FMMHP, WUPSS & WUPTA Temporary Trails Agreement removes two intersections** by moving the current ORV trail on the east side of the IASD football practice field to the west side.
- 2) The Compost Road route **continues to intersect the the historic and walking trail west of the compost site at two points.**
- 3) The Bonnie Street entrance to the Compost Road route **continues to intersect the Miners Trail east of the compost site at three points.**

D. **Safety:**

- 1) **ORVs in the Miners Memorial Heritage Park challenge children, families, the elderly, those with disabilities & the distracted.**
- 2) Compost Road route is also a silent sport and historical route.
- 3) cited as a reason to not go in the MMHP
- 4) Pedestrian and ORV use of the the Miners Trail during the Deer Hunt.

E. **Noise and air pollution:**

- 1) **are not conducive to the atmosphere or purpose of a city park.**
- 2) cited as a reason to not go in the MMHP