



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 December 5, 2016 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. Items for Discussion and Consideration
 - A. Discuss and Consider the sale of city parcel on Ayer St. to Gogebic County Community Mental Health
 - B. Discussion of Ottawa Forest Products Log Yard Expansion adjacent to Miner's Memorial Heritage Park
 - C. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items
 - I. Strategy 4.5 Define and Construct Priority Trail Improvements (Regional Trail to Miners, Beltline and River Walk) – All Members
 - II. Strategy 5.4(a) Update, Strengthen and Implement the Master Plan for Miners Memorial Heritage Park – Kostelnik
 - III. Park Action Plan
 - a. Playground north of US Hwy 2 – Anderson, Davey, True
 - i. Zion Lutheran Playground Planning
 - b. Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Stripe/Sign) – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True
 - c. Mt. Zion Improvements – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True, Jindrich
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2017
10. Adjournment



**Proceedings of the Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, December 5, 2016, 5:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. in the Women's Club Room, Second Floor, Memorial Building, Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Call to Order:

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Recording of the Roll:

MEMBER	PRESENT		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Paul Anderson - Chair	X			
Sam Davey	X			
Tom Kangas – Vice Chair	X			
Rick Semo, ex-officio, non-voting		X		
Marion True	X			
Bruce Vuorenmaa		X		
Linda Jindrich	X			
Paul Kostelnik	X			
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Also present, Community Development Director Tom Bergman Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Davey to approve the amended December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes. **Second** by Kostelnik.
Motion carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Davey to approve the agenda. **Second** by Kostelnik. **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. Items for discussion and consideration:
 - A. Goal Setting: Director Bergman asked the Committee if they had any projects that they would like to add or remove from the priority action items. The Committee wants to review the 5 year rec plan to make sure that it is sufficient for planning. Kostelnik discussed creating a community calendar for silent sports as a new goal.
 - B. Spur Development Grants – Sam Davey: Davey has learned that there is money available for trail connections to historic locations.
 - C. Comprehensive/Park and Recreation Plan Implementation Status of Priority Action Items:
 - I. Strategy 4.5 Define and Construct Priority Trail Improvements (Regional Trail to Miners, Beltline, and River Walk) – All Members.
 - a. The committee discussed applying for a trail acquisition grant for the beltline. The regional connection to Miners Memorial Heritage Park was discussed and Director Bergman stated that City could fund it separately or with the beltline trail construction. The miners connection goal is to have the trail go directly on Easy Street with a long term goal to create a separate path off of the road.
 - II. Strategy 5.4(a) Update and Implement the Master Plan for Miners Memorial Heritage Park – Kostelnik.
 - a. Kostelnik will have the final project at the January meeting.
 - III. Park Action Plan.
 - a. Playground North of US Hwy 2 – Anderson, Davey, True.
 1. Anderson discussed that the project has been identified and will go to the City Commission.
 - b. Establish Community & Flower Gardens + Art (School).
 1. The committee decided to take this item off of the list.
 - c. Implement Bike Routes on City Streets (Sign/stripe) – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True.
 1. This item is in City Staff's hands.
 - d. Mt. Zion Improvements – Anderson, Davey, Kangas, True, Jindrich.
 1. The deck construction is underway.
8. Other Business: Davey discussed a local need to create an early season cross country facility made with man-made snow. Anderson discussed a lit trail as a part of this potential project for the Miners Memorial Heritage Park.
9. Next Meeting: January 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjournment: **Motion** by Davey to adjourn the meeting. **Second** by Anderson. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.** Adjournment at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Anderson, Chair

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant



MEMO

To: Chair Anderson and Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Tom Bergman, Community Development Director

Date: January 5, 2017

Meeting Date: January 12, 2017

Re: PC Case 2016-010 Gogebic County Community Mental Health Property Purchase

Background/Request

Gogebic County Community Mental Health has contacted the City in regards to purchasing a piece of property to construct a new group home (Similar to the one located on Greenbush). They have chosen a piece of property owned by the city on Ayer Street across from the baseball diamond. The parcel would be carved out of a larger parcel owned by the City. This is also being reviewed by the Planning Commission on January 5, 2017.

Zoning

Because the proposed parcel will be portions of two different parcels, it currently has two different zoning designations. The west half of the new parcel is zoned R-1 Single Family Residential and the east half is C-3 Highway Commercial. The Comprehensive plan under "Figure 3-3 Zoning Change Considerations" recommends that this area be rezoned to R-2 Multifamily Residential. The proposed project would be consistent with the rezone recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan.

Recommendation

Over the past several months, staff has worked with Community Health in determining that this parcel would be an appropriate location for their facility. The surplus property policy says that all tier II surplus properties must be reviewed by the Parks and Rec Committee. If the Committee feels that there wouldn't be a future park and/or recreational use for this property, staff recommends the Committee recommend sale of this property to Gogebic County Community Mental Health.



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December 12, 2016

Mr. Thomas Bergman
Community Development Director
City of Ironwood
213 S. Marquette Street
Ironwood, MI 49938

Mr. Bergman,

Gogebic Community Mental Health Authority is seeking to build an 8 bed specialized adult foster care home which will be approximately 2,200 square feet (see attached drawing) within the City of Ironwood. The construction will be a modern traditional single story home. We will have 7 to 10 employees that will vary with the census of the home. The home will have one home manager who is responsible for its overall operation. The estimated budget for the operation of the home is \$475,000 of which is comprised of salaries, benefits, groceries, utilities, insurance, supplies, medical, building costs, etc. The home will be under the direct supervision of CMH and its Community Services Department.

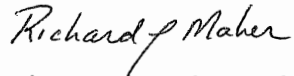
We plan to begin construction in the spring of 2017, with the fall of 2017 as the estimated opening date. The operation of the home will reflect making it as a family home setting for those that live there. Staff will assist with activities of daily living, medication management, skill building, and community involvement.

This home will be the fourth home that GCMHA currently owns and operates with an additional four homes that we rented and operated in the past. Our current homes are located in Ironwood and two in Wakefield. All homes are licensed by the State of Michigan and receive numerous surveys throughout the year.

"To enhance the quality of life for our community by offering comprehensive behavioral health services."

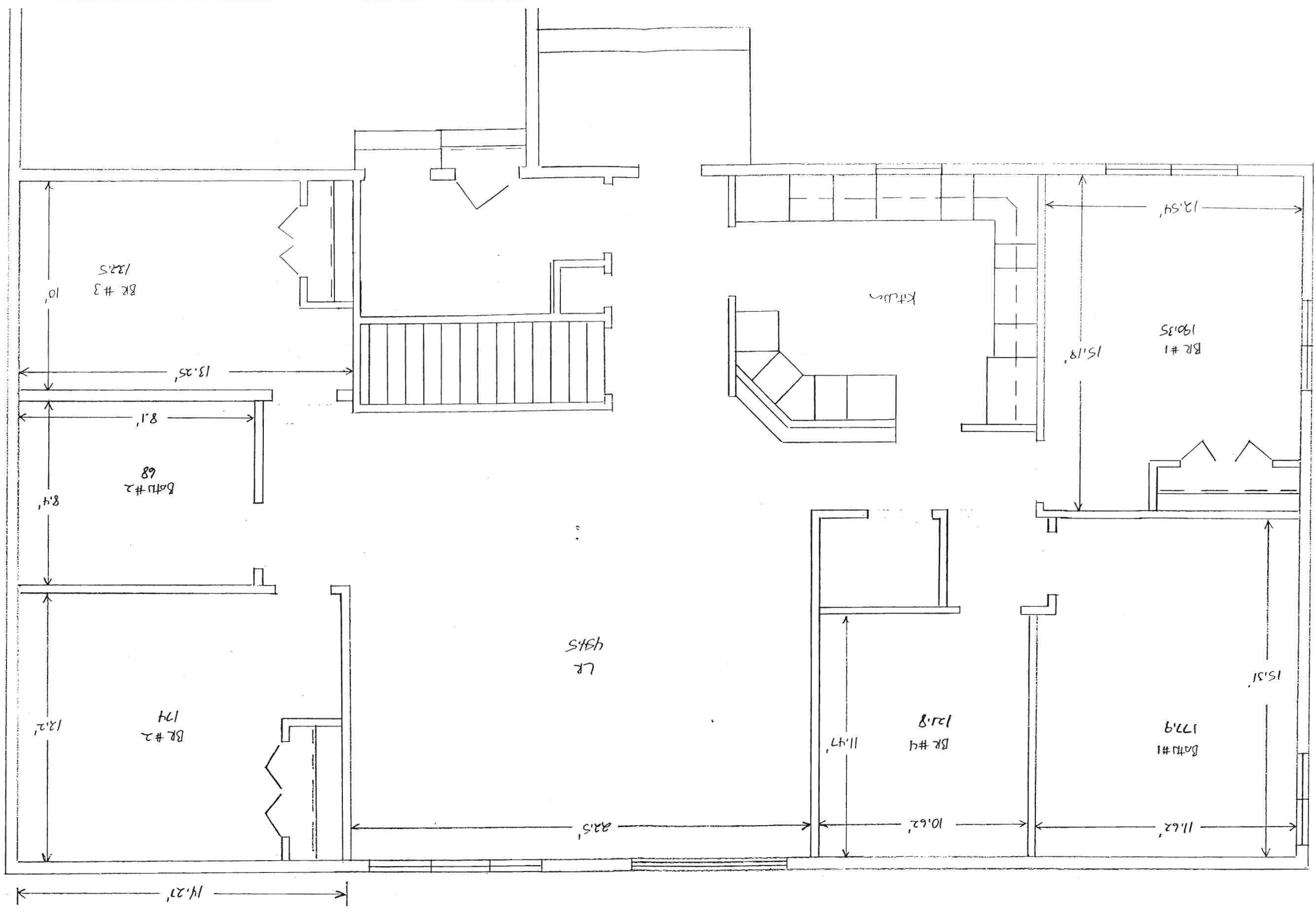
Should you need any additional information, please call myself at 906-229-6155 or e-mail at rmaher@gccmh.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Maher".

Rich Maher, Community Services Director

Cc: Julie Hautala, CEO, CMH Board

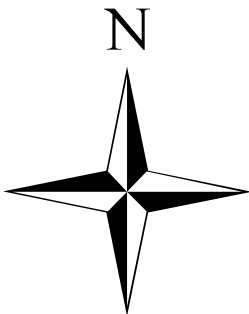


Gogebic County Community Mental Health Proposed Parcel



Legend

- World Boundaries and Places
- City_Parcels
- World Imagery
- Low Resolution 15m Imagery
- High Resolution 60cm Imagery
- High Resolution 30cm Imagery
- Citations





MEMO

To: Chair Anderson and Parks and Recreation Committee

From: Tom Bergman, Community Development Director

Date: January 6, 2017

Meeting Date: January 12, 2017

Re: Expansion of Ottawa Forest Products Log Yard to former driving range

Background/Request

Ottawa Forest Products is looking to do a temporary expansion of their log yard to the old driving range adjacent to the Miner's Memorial Heritage Park. It is initially three years, but could possibly go longer. Ottawa Forest Products has met informally with the Planning Commission to discuss this project and the Commission felt it would be appropriate to get input from the Parks and Recreation Committee because of the proximity of the Miner's Park.

Zoning

The property is zoned Open and allows for forestry uses. The project would require conditional use approval from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is also assessing whether this use would be considered a forestry use.

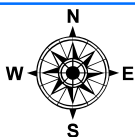
Items to consider

As part of the project, Ottawa is interested in making enhancements to the Park. They would be open to constructing a trail to go through the south part of the property to connect a new loop to the trail system. They also would put up an informational sign on the history of logging in the area.

The Planning Commission is looking for input from Parks and Rec on whether this project would be a positive opportunity for the City's Parks program.



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



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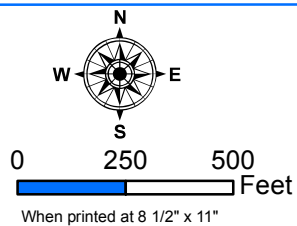
Driving Range/Ottawa FP

Thursday, December 29, 2016

Approximately 5.9 ac

Legend

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



Ottawa Forest Products

Friday, January 06, 2017

 Legend
Approximately 5.9 acres

FRAMING CONCEPTS

FUTURE LAND USE: A DISTRICT-BASED APPROACH

The future land use plan for the City builds on existing land use patterns and guides future development towards desired patterns of use, form, and character. Unlike traditional comprehensive plans which often focus primarily on “use,” Ironwood’s plan integrates discussion of character and form, describing these qualities within a district-based framework.

The land use districts (see Figure 3-1 opposite) are generalized areas that aspire to a unified character and development form. Within each district, land use is driven by the district’s intended character and identity. The Land Use Plan is not the same as “zoning.” The land use plan provides a general direction and intent for what lands should be used for and a description of the desired character.

While the actual zoning assigned to parcels within a given district may vary, zoning should as a whole, support the desired character. Should future developments propose uses outside of the designated zoning for a given parcel, rezoning should be permitted provided that the proposed development is in keeping with the overall character, features, and form of the district as described in the Comprehensive Plan.

The boundaries of the future land use districts are defined based on existing land use patterns (similarity of uses, form, and character), location relative to existing City infrastructure, and suitability for future development (topography, soils, wetlands, roadway access, etc.). Additional consideration was given to minimize the number of “non-conforming uses” created under the proposed district framework.

The Future Land Use District Map, shown in Figure 3-1, identifies seven (7) land use districts, and one overlay district. Some of the districts cover a single contiguous area, others are broken down into smaller sub-districts.

The discussion on the following pages outlines the land uses, character, and form for each of the future land use districts. The descriptions provide policy direction and a framework for future zoning actions and infrastructure investments.

Future Land Use Districts:

The **Downtown District** is the heart of civic and cultural life in Ironwood and a unique and historic mixed use district.

The intent of the **Gateway District** is to maintain visible and welcoming entries into the city, signalling to travellers that they have arrived at their destination, be it Ironwood, the Upper Peninsula, or the state of Michigan. These districts provide a variety of activities more of a commercial nature.

The **Moderate Density Residential District** features a diversity of attractive housing options and local amenities within relatively compact residential neighborhoods defined by a street grid with a high degree of connectivity.

The **Low Density Residential District** is characterized by larger lot sizes (lower development densities). These are a result of unique circumstances including topography, natural features, and in some cases, the historic development of a mining town.

The **Limited-Services Residential District** applies areas of the city that receive limited public utility services and are largely undeveloped and rural in character. This area is also characterized by low lands and significant natural resource/open space areas.

The **Highway 2 Overlay District** aims to preserve a diverse character along Highway 2, while allowing for higher levels of commercial intensity at major activity nodes/corridors. As a key commercial corridor, this district recognizes the need to accommodate commercial uses, but emphasizes a form and pattern that enhances image, identity, and traffic flow.

The **Industrial / Employment District** is an area characterized by a wide diversity of jobs including: manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, office, service, and limited destination oriented/specialized retail. These districts carry a wide range of impacts including noise, odors, and heavier traffic.

The **Miners Park District** recognizes Miners Park as an important heritage site and recreational and open space amenity in the community to be protected and preserved for the enjoyment of all users.

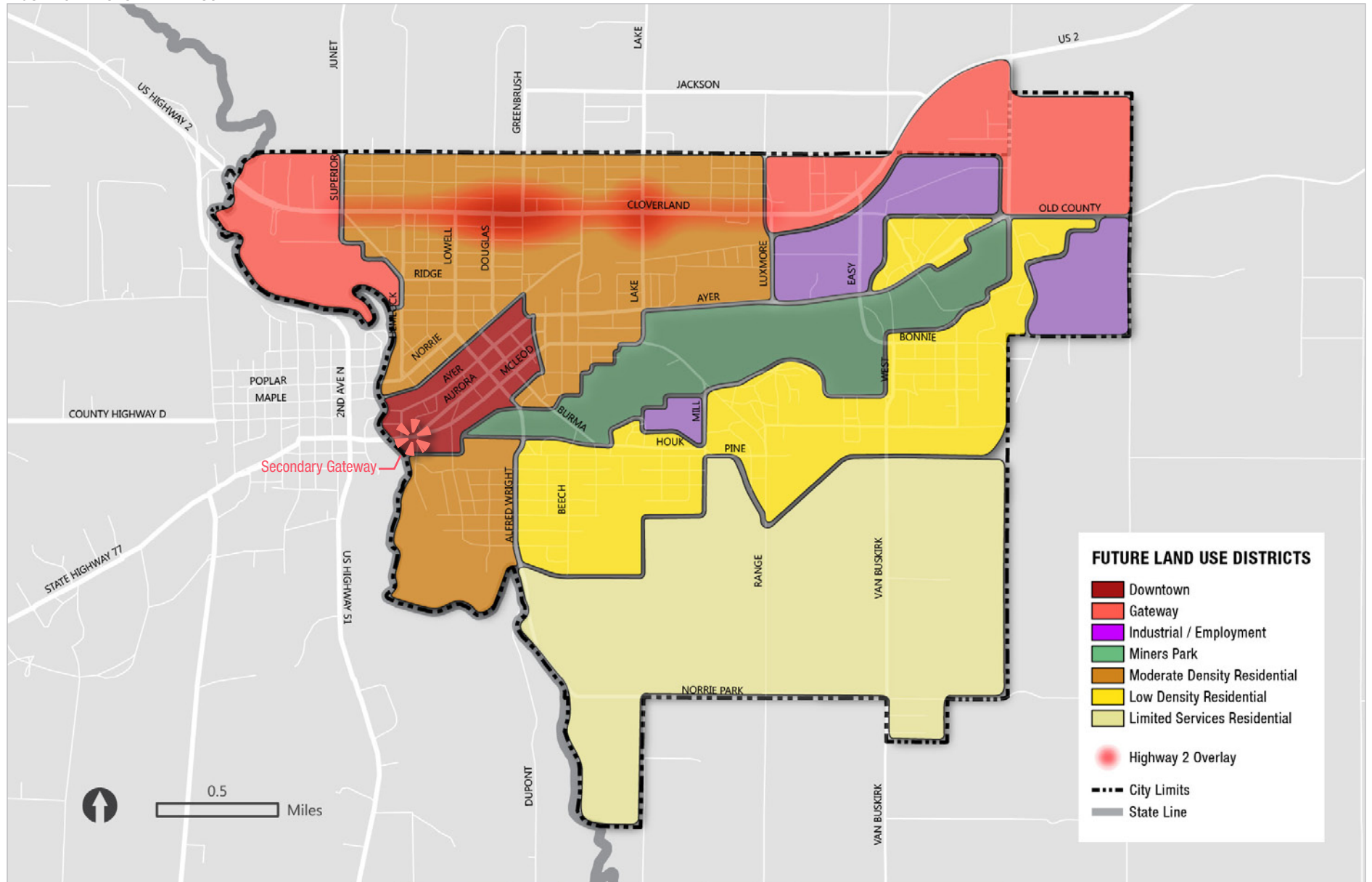
RELATED STRATEGIES:

Strategy 3.1:
Update city ordinances

Strategy 3.2:
Facilitate public understanding of land use policies and procedures

SEE P. 3-16 FOR MORE ON
THE STRATEGIES LISTED ABOVE

FIGURE 3-1. FUTURE LAND USE MAP



■ MINERS PARK DISTRICT

The Miners Park District recognizes Miners Memorial Heritage Park as an important heritage site and recreational/open space amenity in the community to be protected and preserved for the enjoyment of all users. The district includes park land and open space areas within and in some cases adjacent to Miners Park, including undeveloped areas not within the official park boundaries.

Land Use, Form, and Character:

- There is one existing industrial parcel located within the district. This property shall be regarded as a legal non-conforming use and shall continue to be zoned industrial. The intent is not to convert this area to parkland, but to ensure that future development and improvements on the site are compatible with park uses and ideally enhances the look and function of the park, trails, and historic sites.
- Continue development of park and historic assets in this area as a local and regional amenity and point of interest. Develop historic interpretation (mining history, ruins, buildings, and historic homes).
- Existing development that is adjacent Miners Park should be encouraged to consider site improvements or building improvements that are sensitive to the passive nature of the park and recreation amenity of Miners Park.
 - Outside storage should be screened through landscaping, berming and fencing from views from the park (particularly the areas within the park where users are)
 - Driveways, parking, and circulation areas should be located on areas that are not adjacent the park where possible.
 - Buildings should front on the park where possible.
- See Miners Park recommendations in [Chapter 5: Parks & Recreation](#).



Existing industrial use within the Miners Park District



Highlight historic assets in the parking and mining history

Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park
President's Report for 2016
Referencing City Comprehensive Plan 2014 Goals & Policies

A. 2016 Accomplishments :

1. Policy 5.1.4 Design parks to serve residents of all ages.

- 1) Scheduled and publicized golf cart tours for Art in the Miners Park 2016.

2. Policy 5.1.5 Design and maintain parks to be safe

- 1) May - Met with Murray Gillis (Michigan Tech mining professor and Houghton County mine inspector) regarding mapping underground mine shafts, shared maps, waiting on feedback.
- 2) June - Removed dead trees alongside trails.
- 3) August - Began testing trail cameras to monitor Miners Park visits and uses.

3. Policy 5.3.1 Continue to promote events such as SISU

- 1) January - Hosted SISU Ski Fest ski & snowshoe trails in the Miners Park.
- 2) December - Worked with ORV groups on SISU Ski Fest ORV guidance and event restrictions.
- 3) December - Worked with ORV groups to publicize SISU Ski Fest trail guidance & restrictions.

4. Policy 5.3.2 Support the promotion of regional destinations

- 1) December - Began publicizing nature, history and silent sport events on the Gogebic/Penokee Range and within a 1 hour 30 minute drive of Ironwood.

5. Policy 5.3.3 Encourage volunteer or community run recreation programming in parks.

- 1) June - Ironwood Carnegie Library participated in Art in the Miners Park 2017 exhibition with a children's reading group.
- 2) September - Partnered with H.O.P.E. Animal Shelter to host the Annual Hound Dog Hike in the Miners Park.
- 3) December - Invited the public to contribute Ice Luminaries to a highly successful Candlelight Snowshoe & Ski event.

6. Policy 5.3.5 Incorporate historic interpretation and recreational opportunities in parks

- 1) June - Added new "The Headframe", "Iron-Wood #1", The Aurora "A" mine site, and "Hallowed Ground" signage on the Aurora Loop.
- 2) September - Pursuing conversion of Art in the Miners Park "Building Bricks of Ironwood & the Gogebic Iron Range" exhibit into a permanent installation featuring the Aurora "A" mine site.

7. Policy 5.3.7 Develop additional programming to get residents into the park system.

- 1) June - Hosted approximately 1,900 Art in the Miners Park 2016 visitors (a third from out of the Gogebic/Penokee region) through August.
- 2) October - Hosted a guided mushroom walk.

8. Policy 5.4.1 Prioritize park funds to address identified needs within the park system.

- 1) Ended the year financially solvent.
- 2) Paid out \$2,500 to local artists for Art in the Miners Park 2017 prizes.

- 3) Owe \$590 on loan for Grizzly snow machine.

9. Policy 5.5.2 Improve wayfinding and access

- 1) December - Created new signage for snowshoe trails.

10. Policy 5.6.4 Retain and develop trails within parks.

- 1) May - Held a talkoot (Finnish for work bee) with the Norrie Amateur Sports Club clear brush, plant trees and remove invasive species at the Norrie "A" mine site adjacent to Hiawatha Park.
- 2) May - Mowed/chipped/signed Art in the Miners Park trail though August.
- 3) December - Groomed ski and snowshoe trails since the first snowfall.

11. Policy 5.6.5 Where possible, separate motorized and non-motorized trail users.

- 1) June - Worked with ORV groups to install initial ORV signage surrounding the Art in the Miners Park Trail

12. Policy 5.6.6 Direct recreational use of off highway vehicles (OHVs), and snowmobiles to regional trails

- 1) June - Created and installed ORV Trail maps around the Aurora Loop/Art in the Miners Park trail.
- 2) June - Publicized ORV/Trails and Tread Lightly! responsible ORV riding tips.

13. City Programs

- 1) November - City Deer Hunt, last active stand removed in December.

14. External Community Programs

- 1) December - Groomed the City portion of the Iron Belle Trail and Depot Dash Trail for winter use.

B. 2017 Objectives:

1. Grooming SISU Ski Fest ski & snowshoe trails in the Miners Park.
2. Work with ORV groups to finalize an agreement on ORV trail use & maintenance in the Miners Park
3. Complete and present the Miners Memorial Heritage Park Master plan.
4. Survey the Miners Park for new trails and uses.
5. Work with other Ironwood Schools & Lighthouse Family Church on a written agreement regarding the trails on their property.
6. Improve security and safety at mining sites.
7. Additional talkoots to improve the Miners Park.
8. Building on Art in the Miners Park 2017 from June through August by recruiting additional organizations to participate.
9. Hound Dog Hike together with H.O.P.E. Animal Shelter.
10. Conduct annual Candlelight Snowshoe & Ski.
11. Continue recruiting additional organizations to conduct activities and events in the Miners Park.