

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Monday September 22, 2025, 5:45 p.m.
Iron County Courthouse, Commissioners Meeting Room
2 South Sixth St. Crystal Falls, MI 49920
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda**
- 5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 24 2025**
- 6. Old Business:**
 - a. Cooks Run**
 - 1. Two meetings with DNR staff**
 - 2. Iron County Watershed Coalition Steering Committee**
 - 3. Forest Plan**
 - 4. Road Plans**
 - 5. Iron Belle Trail Updates**
- 7. New Business:**
 - a. Board of Commissioners Possible Grant Match for Pentoga Park 2026 - Mark Stauber**
 - b. National Guard for Cooks Run**
 - c. Michigan Invasive Species Grant**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Member Comments**
- 8. Next Meeting Date: Thursday October 2, 4:00 at Cooks Run with Board of Commissioners**
- 9. Motion to Adjourn**

Iron County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Tuesday, June 24, 2025 5:30 pm Iron County Courthouse

Commission Members Present (Roll Call): President Dan Hinch , Ron Frailing, Mark Stauber, Dan Germic, Seth Miatech, Ean Bruette, Jake Conery, , Rich Sloat

Absent: Brian Fabbri, Brock Van Oss

Guests: Robb Anderson, GEI; Bette Premo, Whitewater Associates

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Miatech, seconded by Conery. All approved.

The minutes of the February 3, 2025 regular meeting were presented to members. Conery made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Germic and all approved.

Old Business: The members were given a copy of the rough draft mission statement for Cooks Run. Stauber reported on the meeting that he, Hinch, and Mike Golas from Trout Unlimited had in May with The Superior Watershed Partnership in Marquette, who requested a mission statement regarding Cooks Run. Hinch had worked on the rough draft presented to members. Ms. Premo volunteered to help our group with the mission statement and she will report back to Hinch and Sloat . Initial discussions with the Superior Watershed group in May centered on some possibilities at Cooks Run but nothing concrete until the mission statement is submitted. Ms. Premo handed out the Iron County Watershed Coalition and Whitewater Associates letter of June 24 to the Parks and Recreation Commission requesting the Commission do a Comprehensive Assessment of Diverse Public Recreational Opportunities at Cooks Run. The letter was put on file. Stauber reported to Ms. Premo of the ongoing efforts with Superior watershed and any other groups in the future.

Sloat read a definition of old growth forest and will attempt to nominate the 5- acre Cooks Run island into the Old Growth Forest Network. Stauber and Conery reminded Sloat that there are currently no Board of Commissioners plans for logging at Cooks Run.

Frailing and Germic will bring up possible ditching and road improvements to Cooks Run at their next Road Commission meeting,

New Business: Stauber reported that he will discuss with the Board of Commissioners a possible grant application in 2026 for electrical and possible water improvements at Pentoga Park campground. Robb Anderson then can then followup with a cost estimate.

Stauber will email Zach Hautala from the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance about a followup on any progress on Iron Belle trail construction from Pentoga Park Boat Landing to Bewabic State Park.

Stauber gave an update on Board of Commissioners possible funding for grant matches.

Public Comment: None further.

Member Comments: Hinch will talk to Senator Ed McBroom about Cooks Run if nothing is heard from the DNR.

No future meeting was set at this time until the Board of Commissioners possible grant funding for Pentoga Park can be determined.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Sloat, seconded by Germic and all approved.