

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chairman Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner

D. Agenda Modifications

Krause stated that there were none.

E. Organization of Advisory Bodies as per Ordinance No. 181

1. Oath of Office for all Park and Recreation Board Members

Krause requested that all members stand and recite the Oath of Office.

All members of the Board stood and recited the Oath of Office.

Krause stated that all members would need to sign and date the Oath that was provided.
Krause stated that the sheets could be returned to her at the end of the meeting.

2. Chair of Park and Recreation Board

Krause requested nominations for Chair of the Park Board.

Bone questioned if the members who had been in both the Chair and Vice Chair positions in the previous year were willing to do so again.

Wimmer and Zdon agreed.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to approve Wimmer as Chair and Zdon as Vice Chair of the Park Board. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Board

4. Secretary of Park and Recreation Board

Krause was assigned as Secretary of the Park Board.

5. Approve 2010 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Dates

Wimmer requested approval of the meeting dates.

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to approve the 2010 Park Board meeting dates. Motion was unanimously approved.

6. Review of Park and Recreation Board Member Involvement

Wimmer stated that Mr. Zdon is currently the representative on the BMX Board.

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to re-assign Zdon to the BMX Board. Motion was unanimously approved.

7. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy

Krause stated that Mr. Joslin was scheduled to be present to discuss the policy. Krause stated that staff had received information from Mr. Joslin's Office that he was still in court and may be unable to attend the meeting.

Wimmer stated that the members would need to complete and sign the form provided.

F. Approve Minutes from the November 24th, 2009 Meeting

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to approve the Minutes from the November 24th, 2009 Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Schedule Annual Park Tour

Wimmer stated that the tour is normally held in either April or May. Wimmer stated that May could be too late.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to schedule the annual park tour for the April 27th meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Organization

Krause outlined the staff memo and letter.

Wimmer questioned what the expectations were if the City were to join. Wimmer questioned how this would tie the region together.

Krause stated that she knew very little at this point. Krause stated that the only information regarding the proposed group is what has been provided within the letter.

Wimmer questioned where they would be meeting and how often. Wimmer stated that he did not feel comfortable moving forward on the item until we have obtained additional facts.

Zdon stated that it looks as though there was a meeting this week. Zdon questioned if the Board should wait on a recommendation until after this meeting.

Wimmer stated that the Board should wait until the group is a bit more organized before joining. Wimmer stated that he would like to know what the expectations are for the City.

Krause stated that she would contact Mr. Wendorf, Isanti County for further information.

I. Outlot Area – Villages on the Rum 3rd Addition

Wimmer stated that City staff had met with the property owner and representatives from the DNR to walk the site. Wimmer stated that there is property near Bellaire and Blossom Blvds, which is in an Outlot. Wimmer stated that originally the City was to take the property. Wimmer stated that there are some lots that abut this natural area. Wimmer stated that the City would like to have these lots rounded off, to ensure that this area is not developed.

Wimmer stated that the proposition is to have the City take this area, which is about 15 acres. Wimmer stated that the City could put a low impact walking path and bridge in the area for passive park use. Wimmer stated that the Development Agreement would need to be re-written. Wimmer stated that some higher density uses may be located near the intersection of the 3rd Avenue and Isanti Parkway. Wimmer stated that larger lots would be located towards the back of this area. Wimmer stated that the DNR was invited to ensure that a low impact trail could be constructed. Wimmer stated that an additional lot or two may be necessary along the street to provide access to the area as well as to provide parking or restroom facilities.

Wimmer stated that this would need to be included within a new Development Agreement. Wimmer stated that in the Comprehensive Plan the City would look to continue this area to the north as well.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend to the City Council that City staff move forward with the proposal for the City to acquire this Outlot Area as future passive park area. Motion was unanimously approved.

J. Updates

Wimmer stated that staff was looking into having Mr. Sames construct the message centers.

Krause stated that staff needed to calculate a cost estimate for materials and find the money in the budget.

Wimmer stated that Bike/Walk Trail Committee had met. Wimmer stated that Mr. Carlson had received approval from Isanti County to submit a grant for additional funding.

Wimmer stated that the City Council had reviewed the funding sources for the pedestrian bridge project at the last meeting and had approved a Resolution to move forward with the project. Wimmer stated that Mr. DeWolf would be representing the City to receive Transportation Enhancement dollars for the construction of the trail segments.

Zdon stated that the BMX Association will be hosting the State Finals in Isanti again this year.

K. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23rd day of February 2010.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Krause, City Planner / Parks Coordinator