

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
January 27, 2009
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

City Planner Krause called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner and Clark Joslin, City Attorney

D. Agenda Modifications

Krause stated that there were none.

E. Organization of Advisory Bodies as per Ordinance 181

1. Oath of Office for all Park & Recreation Members
Krause administered the Oath.
2. Chair of Park & Recreation Board
Motion by Zdon to nominate Wimmer, second by Parker. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Vice-Chair of Park & Recreation Board
Motion by Bone to nominate Zdon, second by Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Secretary of Park & Recreation Board
Motion by Bone to nominate City staff, second by Zdon. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Approve Park & Recreation Board Meeting Dates
Motion by Zdon, second Bone to approve the 2009 Park and Recreation Board meeting dates. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Review of Park & Recreation Board Member Involvement with other Boards.
 - a. BMX Board

Wimmer questioned if a representative from the Park Board was to be assigned to the Soccer Association, as the agreement between the two entities would appear to call for it. Wimmer stated that the Board does not have to, but staff should look into the item.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to nominate Zdon as the liaison to the BMX Board. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Review of Conflict of Interest Policy
City Attorney Joslin presented Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest information to the Board. City Attorney reminded all Board members to turn their forms into City Clerk Irene Bauer.

F. Approve Minutes from November 25, 2008 Meeting.

Motion by Bone, second Zdon by to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Park Dedication Funds Interest

Wimmer introduced the item to the Park Board. Wimmer stated that it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to the City Council to use the interest from the Park Dedication Fund in the General Budget. Wimmer stated that actual dedication fees placed into the fund will remain.

Wimmer stated would be doing a LGA flip. Wimmer stated that they would be acting as though they did not get LGA for this year and would use what they would be getting in the 2010 budget instead. Wimmer stated that this would give the City a better handle on budgeting for the future.

H. Outdoor Hockey Rink Discussion

Wimmer stated that Mr. Corey Bustrom was present from the Cambridge – Isanti Youth Hockey Association to discuss the upcoming item. Wimmer questioned if staff wanted to briefly go over the staff memo.

Krause presented the item. Krause stated that City staff and the Mayor had met with representatives of the Hockey Association to discuss the future of the outdoor rink. Krause stated that the group was looking at establishing a sub-committee to work on the details of how the warming house and outdoor ice rink would function in the future.

Bustrom introduced himself and stated that the season would be winding down soon. Bustrom provided background information on the Board members. Bustrom stated that there has been a lack of communication between the group, the City, and the Arena Corporation. Bustrom stated that they wanted to have a better communication network between the three.

Bustrom wanted to see more opportunities for the kids of the community to get out and enjoy outdoor sports. Bustrom understands that the City is facing with budget cuts. Bustrom stated that Isanti is the home for the association and they depend on the sheet of ice in Bluebird Park. Bustrom stated that they are willing to help out in any way that they can.

Bustrom has gone to his Board with the Zamboni costs and they will have money that they may be able to offer. Bustrom stated that they would like to see some cost estimates up front. Bustrom is willing to work with the City to keep things maintained and running smoothly.

Bustrom stated that the Arena Corporation will allow Mr. Englund to use their Zamboni on the outdoor ice for the remainder of this season; however, a long term plan needs to be discussed. Bustrom stated that they would like to see the warming house issue remedied. Bustrom would like to see a complex in the park.

Wimmer stated that a group needs to be formed with City staff, a representative of the park board, and the hockey association. Wimmer stated that he would be more than happy to continue that dialogue, unless there was another member that wanted to do so.

Wimmer questioned if they want to move forward and if anyone wanted to volunteer.

Motion by Zdon, second by Bone to appoint Wimmer as the Park Board liaison to work with staff on the relationship with the Hockey Association and to make recommendations on the long term plan for the outdoor rink. The motion was unanimously approved.

I. Cost Estimates for Zamboni Repairs

Krause outlined the staff memo and the cost estimates provided for the Zamboni repairs.

Wimmer felt that the City should hold off until after the first meeting of the sub-committee with the Hockey Association. Wimmer stated that the City does have a “fix” for the remainder of this season.

Zdon questioned if the machine was used or if there was a warranty.

Wimmer stated that the Zamboni is about 1964, so it is quite old.

Motion by Parker, second by Zdon to table the item until after the first meeting with the Youth Hockey Association. The motion was unanimously approved.

J. Location of Basketball Courts – Bluebird Park

Krause stated that with the transferring of the interest from the park dedication fund, this project may need to wait at this time. Krause stated that what is remaining is intended for the Pedestrian Bridge as well as the Bike – Walk Trail.

Wimmer stated that the City has already cut the check for the \$50,000. Wimmer stated that the dollars aren’t too extensive, but the city needs to get through the budget process first. Wimmer felt that if it came to the council now, it would not go anywhere.

Zdon questioned if it was worth talking about location.

Wimmer stated that the Board could or they could wait until a later date. Wimmer stated that the current location has a hill. Wimmer stated that it could be reviewed on the park tour.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to table the item and have it reviewed during the annual park tour. The motion was unanimously approved.

K. Discussion – Student Representative

Wimmer stated that this is something that park boards do.

Bone asked if anyone was interested.

Wimmer stated that he did not know of anyone, but the school district thought someone might be. Wimmer stated that it would be unpaid. Wimmer wanted to see if the park board was interested.

Zdon questioned who would decide.

Wimmer stated that the board would need to make a determination of age, Isanti residency, etc. Wimmer felt that these are the age groups that use the park, so their input may be helpful.

Bone thought that maybe someone from the skate park may be interested in being on the board.

Wimmer stated that staff could put together a description and bring that back to the Board. Wimmer stated the Board could review and then make that recommendation to the City Council to have a representative. Wimmer stated that the City could partner with the schools to get a responsible person.

Bone questioned whether the Board should pursue more than one individual.

Wimmer stated that more than one individual could be added, but personality does determine whether or not an individual will speak.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to have City staff and Wimmer prepare a description of the position and bring it back to the Park Board for approval and recommendation to the City Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

L. City Flag – Final Design

Krause showed the members the flag.

Wimmer stated that they would like to see the circle of stuff in the middle a little bigger as well as the tagline bigger.

Krause questioned whether the Board wanted the white strips on the sides.

Zdon thought the white strips were nice.

Wimmer stated that maybe the Board could have a few items to look at once the final changes are made.

Zdon stated that the flag companies will be able to manipulate once it is digital.

M. Updates

1. Soccer Association – Third Avenue NW Discussion

Wimmer provided the update on the Soccer Association discussion. Wimmer stated that the President has signed a memorandum of understanding. Wimmer stated that during tournaments, special event opportunities are available upon approval by the City Council.

N. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 24th day of February 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa M. Krause, City Planner, AICP