

**CITY OF ISANTI
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2018
City Council Chambers**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Zdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present: Jennifer Garvey, Jeff Johnson, James Witte, Aaron Zdon, and Mayor Wimmer

Staff Present: Katie Everett, Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager

Others Present: Lisa Johnson

D. Agenda Modifications.

Zdon asked if there were any agenda modifications; there were none. Motion by Wimmer, second by Witte to approve the agenda for the October 23, 2018 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2018 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting

Motion by Wimmer; second by Witte. Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Family Day Recap

Everett stated that there are pictures included in the agenda packet, and the event went really well. Being the first time doing this event, we didn't know what to expect, but Everett's best guess is that we had about 100 people come through. The event included mostly self-guided activities. The Ambassadors were there to help guide people and take pictures at the photo booth. It sounded like most people had them take pictures with their phones, but we had our camera out there too for people that didn't have a phone or wanted a higher quality photo. Everett had about 15 families that she emailed pictures to afterward. The s'more station was the open space at the bottom of the stairs and there was a nature hike with scavenger hunt activity for kids. In casual crowd polls with people at the s'mores station, Everett would guess that at least half of the people had never been there, and many had never heard of the park before. It was really an all missions accomplished event. Zdon added that the s'mores station was great, and when he was there there had to be at least 20 people there. Everett said that for this year, the event was from 3:00-7:00 so it was around sunset for pictures, and after about 6:00 pm we didn't see a whole lot of people, but before that there were around 20 people at the s'mores station the whole time.

4. Parks Updates

Everett shared that the first movie night went really well and we had 55 people come. Some of them were there with Boy Scouts, but many were there on their own. We handed out schedules to everyone, so hopefully we see them all again. We still have volunteer opening for every night except for April. Everett has sent the information to the principals at all of the schools, and she is reconnecting with other groups who have done it before.

Everett also stated that the Legacy Pines development has been approved. We will do our best to make sure that while that's happening everyone can still get to the park. She reminded the board members to send people to City staff if they have questions as they start seeing construction. So far, all Everett had only seen some tree clearing in the development. When she drove by earlier she noticed the graders are out there, but they haven't done anything yet. Zdon asked if there's anything in the papers about it yet. Wimmer stated that it was covered when it was discussed at Council, and a number of people who live out there attended that meeting. Unfortunately, there are a lot of nonsensical rumors going around, but it has always been proposed as R1 on that side. Zdon added that he didn't know if maybe we could do an article in the paper stating that a development is going in and showing the

plat, because there's a lot of misinformation about the housing sizes and how people are going to get to the park. Everett added that she is also working on the Winter edition of the Isantian, so we can maybe put something in there too if there's space. Garvey added that she agrees with having more information, maybe even on the board that's out there, showing people how they can access the park during construction. Wimmer stated that per the agreement it will be accessible at all times, and agreed that it would be a good idea to put something out that shows what the development will look like and how to get through it.

Everett added some last notes about the season change over for parks: the dock is out at River Bluff and the community garden is tilled under. Public Works also tilled the mulch and we'll get new mulch next year, and they already added in the new row for next spring. Next month she will give an update about all of the projects that were completed this year.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Witte, second by Johnson to adjourn the October 23, 2018 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23rd day of October, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Everett
Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager