

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

**A. Call To Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Park Board members rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Keith Koehler, Aaron Zdon, and Student Representative Chloe Sunde

**Members Absent:** Bridgette Parker (gave prior notice)

**Staff Present:** Lisa Wilson, City Planner, AICP

**D. Agenda Modifications**

Wimmer requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to adopt the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Park and Recreation Board Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

**E. Approve Minutes from the September 28, 2010 Park Board Meetings**

Wimmer questioned if there were any changes to the minutes.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Zdon to approve the meeting minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion was unanimously approved.

**F. Message Boards – Display of Athletic Elements Reservations**

Wilson presented the staff memo and requested direction from the Park Board on this item.

Wimmer questioned if Mr. Polzin could put something like this together.

Wilson stated that the message centers from the catalogues can be pretty pricey, as one that City staff found was around \$500. Wilson stated that in conversations with Mr. Lorsung, they had discussed looking into having someone make these centers as well.

Wimmer stated that Mr. Polzin does things for parks in other communities. Wimmer stated that City staff should send something over to him and see if they would be able to construct a similar message board. Wimmer stated that the City staff should look into the cost. Wimmer stated that it would need to be sturdy because the message centers and portable toilets seem to be the biggest target for vandalism.

Koehler questioned if they could just put two pieces of plexi-glass together with screws and hinges on top. Koehler stated that it could be attached right to the fence. Koehler stated that it would be cheap and durable.

Wimmer questioned how you would slip in the new schedule.

Koehler stated that there would be two hinges at the top and the bottom would be screws. Koehler stated that you could just unscrew the bottom and flip the top glass piece open and slip the reservation slip in there. Koehler stated that it may cost around \$40 to make.

Wimmer stated that we could certainly try it. Wimmer stated that he thought they would try to take that out just as quickly as they had anything else. Wimmer questioned the kind of post that would be over there, especially with screwing it all the time, it would strip the holes.

Koehler stated that with just small turns to get the "lid" open, it should work.

Wimmer stated that City staff should talk to Mr. Meyer on this item. Wimmer stated that City staff should still discuss the other option with Mr. Polzin as well.

Wilson stated that she would look into both options.

#### **G. Whisper Ridge – Tennis Court Costs**

Wilson presented the staff memo and requested direction from the Park Board.

Wimmer stated that we should probably get some feedback from the tennis coaches and player regarding the kind of equipment. Wimmer stated that they should have seen all of this different stuff. Wimmer stated that the project is something that we would not be doing until next spring anyway, so there is some time.

Wimmer questioned if Mr. Koehler had done anything like this over in Princeton.

Koehler stated that in Princeton the school actually owns the tennis courts. Koehler stated that the school maintains the courts and equipment.

Wimmer questioned if there were City courts.

Koehler stated that there were none.

#### **H. Tree Inventory Discussion**

Wilson presented the staff memo and requested direction from the Park Board.

Wimmer stated that his thoughts on this are that it will spread, but at this point we do not have the dollars in the budget. Wimmer stated that before the City moves forward with the inventory, we should see movement of it further north. Wimmer stated that his concern is that we could do the inventory and it will sit on the shelf for some time. Wimmer stated that it would still be good for some time, but do we spend the money on this now and we do not need it for another 5 years or so. Wimmer stated that we would need to come up with money in the budget for the project.

Koehler stated that he thought it could be put off until next summer even. Koehler stated that a tree inventory should go faster if the leaves are on the trees.

Zdon questioned if there had been much movement up the border.

Wimmer stated that when the two gentlemen presented, it would appear to have stalled out for the time being. Wimmer stated that that was not to say that it would not get here eventually. Wimmer stated that the item should be placed on a future Park Board Agenda, maybe in April or May.

#### **I. Updates**

Wilson stated that she did not have any updates. Wilson questioned if the Mayor had anything to report.

Zdon questioned the bike-walk trail progress.

Wimmer stated that they have a good portion paved along 299<sup>th</sup> and some areas dugout to get into the wetland area. Wimmer stated that there are a lot of horse tracks, so a lot of people are going back and forth already. Wimmer stated that City staff needs to look into that. Wimmer stated that horses were never discussed and he questions if they are going to be allowed. Wimmer stated that horses, depending upon the shoes they are wearing, this could cause serious damage to the trail. Wimmer stated that it may need to be signed accordingly stating this is not allowed.

Koehler stated that a warm day and horse shoes would definitely cause some issues to the pavement.

#### **J. Adjournment**

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to adjourn the October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2010.

Respectively submitted,

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Lisa M. Wilson, AICP  
City Planner / Parks Coordinator