

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
October 28, 2008
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Clell Bone

Staff Present: Lisa M. Krause, City Planner

D. Agenda Modifications

Wimmer questioned if there were modifications to the Agenda.

Krause stated no.

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to approve the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

E. Approve Minutes from September 23, 2008 Meeting

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Funding Request – BMX Association (Kevin Riedemann)

Wimmer stated that since Mr. Riedemann was not present at that time to present his item, the City Flag submittals would be reviewed and discussed first.

Riedemann had presented his request to the City.

Wimmer had stated that the 2009 Budget had not been approved by the City Council. Wimmer stated that there is money within the Preliminary Budget for these types of request, but until such time as the budget is adopted, the Council cannot grant the funds. Wimmer stated that the item would not proceed to the City Council until the budget is adopted.

Riedemann stated that he had been made aware of that fact. Riedemann stated that the group wanted to be proactive and begin the process.

Wimmer had questioned whether the County Board of Commissioners had given the BMX Association money to complete on-site projects.

Riedemann stated that the County Board of Commissioners fails to recognize them as a county entity, as they are located in the City. Riedemann stated that funds were not given to the group.

Wimmer stated that with the election, Mr. Riedemann should be in contact with any new members of the Commission. Wimmer also stated that there are other opportunities available to help with funding.

Riedemann announced that the BMX Association would be hosting another national event on the property next summer.

Wimmer congratulated the BMX Association.

Krause questioned whether the Board wanted to make a recommendation on the item at this meeting or if they wanted the item brought back.

Wimmer stated that the Board could make a motion.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend that \$1,000 be allocated to the BMX Association; if the Final Budget that is adopted by the City Council has such funds available. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Safe Routes to School Grant – Need Updates for Application

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer requested that City staff discuss with the City Engineer whether or not the items prepared would be transferrable in the future, if the grant is not approved. Wimmer stated that if the City were to move forward with the project in the future, it is important that these materials could aid in the planning and construction of the project.

Krause stated that she would pose the question to the City Engineer.

Wimmer questioned how many times the City had applied for the grant.

Krause stated that this will be the third year.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to recommend that the City move forward with the Scope of Services as prepared by Bolton & Menk and that the funding for the services be taken from the Training and Instruction portion of the Park Budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Need for Bike Racks

Krause presented the staff memo and stated that the Downtown Committee had requested that the Park Board review and discuss the need for bike racks. Krause stated that staff had tried to get cost estimates for bike racks, but had not heard back from any of the companies.

Wimmer questioned where the racks would be placed as there is limited area on the sidewalks. Wimmer also stated that there is an Ordinance against bike racks on the sidewalks downtown. Wimmer questioned whether the Downtown Committee had areas in mind. Wimmer also questioned how they would be secured and who would be maintaining the racks.

Zdon questioned how the racks would impact the use of the sidewalks.

Wimmer questioned if Mr. Riedemann had anything to add.

Riedemann stated that a couple of racks in destination spots downtown may encourage biking.

Wimmer felt that placing bike racks in parks is a good idea. Wimmer did not know whether or not they would be used.

Zdon stated that the rack could be put within a parking spot.

Wimmer questioned if the Downtown Committee was willing to give up a parking spot for the location of a bike rack. Wimmer stated that bike racks within the downtown were more of an EDA item, than a Park Board item.

Wimmer stated that the item could be further discussed at the next meeting, pending a reply from the Downtown Committee.

I. Priority Project for 2009

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer stated that the City is limited in what it can do in the upcoming year, due to the unknowns with two larger projects. Wimmer stated that the group could look to do something smaller. Wimmer questioned what types of facilities were yet to be developed in Bluebird Park.

Zdon questioned whether a small playground had been planned near the BMX track.

Wimmer stated that he did not believe so.

Krause stated that the Parks Action Plan had listed a small playground within the NE corner of Bluebird Park in 2010.

Wimmer stated that he would like to obtain estimates for the development of the basketball or volleyball courts in Bluebird. Wimmer also stated that the yearly landscaping project and landscaping within the island entrances into the park were options. Wimmer questioned if there were other suggestions.

Wimmer stated that at the next meeting, the group needs to go back through the Parks Action Plan and re-prioritize and identify new projects.

J. City Flag Submittals

Park Board members went around the Council Chambers to review the various flag submittals.

Wimmer stated that each member should pick up the flag proposals that each member likes and bring those back to the table for discussion.

Park Board members displayed the designs that they liked and stated why they had chosen the design.

Zdon stated that he liked the bird and the blue side bars along the side of one flag, as the concept looked like a flag. Zdon also stated that he liked the tractor and the circle on another drawing.

Kennedy stated that she liked the eagle that had been drawn on the one drawing. Kennedy stated that even though it was not the City's bird, it still was a good concept.

Parker stated that she also liked the circle as well as the school and community that were represented on another drawing.

Wimmer had stated that he like the symbol of the railroad tracks provided along the side of the one drawing, the seasons and the adult and child that were presented on another drawing. Wimmer did state that the railroad concept was presented by some members of City staff. Wimmer stated that the City Attorney will be looking into whether or not they could receive any amount of the prize money.

Wimmer stated that the flag should represent who we are and where we are going. Wimmer stated that both the State flags for Minnesota and Wisconsin co-mingle another of symbols to demonstrate this concept.

Zdon questioned who would be doing the final drawing.

Wimmer stated that City staff would have to obtain some quotes. Wimmer thought that Ms. Reller may be able to provide a basic sketch for the Board to review first.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to approve the following individuals as winners of the contest with the following concepts to be included on the final design of the flag:

- \$100 be given to the base drawing, which contained the parent and child concept as well as the season, as submitted by Carol Hazard; and
- \$50 be given for the eagle concept as submitted by Maksim Gaubaly; and
- \$50 be given for the Circle concept with the City motto as submitted by Stephanie Blake; and
- \$50 be given to Trudi Breuninger, JoAnn Welcome, and Anna Vick for the railroad tracks concept, providing it is determined that these individuals can receive funds. If not, the funds will be redistributed accordingly to the other prize winners.

The motion was unanimously approved.

K. Updates

(1) Bluebird Park Signs

Krause had stated the Mr. Meyer wanted the Board to be aware that in order for the sign to be seen in both directions along Isanti Parkway, it would need to setback quite a ways from the roadway.

Wimmer stated that the sign was not to draw people into the park, but to welcome those that had chosen to be there. Wimmer felt that even if the sign was setback within the planter area, it would be fine.

(2) ALbD / ICAL Program Wrap-Up

Krause stated that the program would be ending on October 31st. After such time, the program would be changing. Krause stated that the group would no longer be coordinating and hosting events, but would focus on establishing a framework that future generations could use to promote active living in their communities.

(3) Historical Signs

Krause had stated the Mr. Carlson had dropped by the City to provide copies of the proposed historical signs that would be placed within the downtown. Krause stated that overall, the Park Board and Downtown Committee had reviewed and given their approval to the signs at previous meetings; however, Mr. Carlson wanted the group to take one last look before they are sent to printing.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti Minnesota, this 25th day of November 2008.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa M Krause, City Planner