

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2011
Isanti City Council Chambers**

A. Call To Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Wimmer, Clell Bone, Kimberly Horst, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon.

Members Absent: Chloe Sunde, student representative (no prior notice).

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director and Brad DeWolf, City Engineer

D. Agenda Modifications

Wimmer questioned if there were any agenda modifications.

Wilson stated that there were none.

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to approve the November 22nd, 2011 Park and Recreation Board Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Approve Minutes from the October 25, 2011 Meeting

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to approve the October 25, 2011 Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Discussion on Long Term Financial Planning

Mayor Wimmer stated that he was providing a presentation to each of the City departments and boards regarding the City's long term financial plan. Wimmer presented information with regards to this plan through year 2016.

G. Cancellation of December 27th Park Board Meeting

Wimmer stated that the Park Board has usually cancelled its December meeting, as it falls around the holidays. Wimmer stated that it is two days after Christmas.

Motion by Zdon, second by Bone to recommend that the December 27th Park and Recreation Board meeting be cancelled. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Legacy Park – Trail Concepts

DeWolf presented the three concepts that were prepared by Bolton and Menk. DeWolf stated that there are two components. DeWolf stated that first is how to access the park right now. DeWolf

stated that there are two access easements that have been provided or the future road that has been graded that can be utilized. DeWolf explained the three access routes. DeWolf stated that he would like some feedback from the Board members on which of the three access points they would prefer.

DeWolf stated that when it comes to the trail through the wooded section there is a looped section. DeWolf stated that there is a loop in the trail at the beginning in order to get down the slope that is there and meet the ADA requirements. DeWolf stated that the trail crosses the brook at a culvert. DeWolf stated that as the trail moves west and south, the trail would follow the brook. DeWolf stated that they refer to this as the lower trail. DeWolf stated that there are two distinct areas within the park, there is the lower area near the brook and then the higher area in the north. DeWolf stated that there is a loop within the higher portion of the park as well. DeWolf stated that to be ADA compliant, the majority of the trail has to be constructed to meet those standards or a reasonable attempt must be made to make it ADA compliant. DeWolf stated that as they looked at the contours, they can make the trail mostly ADA compliant. DeWolf stated that there are steps that can be accessed in the northeast corner.

Wimmer questioned the elevation of the trail in the northwest corner. Wimmer questioned if it was higher and could be used as a lookout area.

DeWolf explained the contours on the map. DeWolf stated that each line is two feet. DeWolf pointed to an area between the lower and higher trail where there is a twenty foot elevation difference.

Wimmer stated that he would like to see a lookout on the northwest side, so people could look out and see the river.

DeWolf stated that the trail within the park itself was laid out within the two separate tiers and then those tiers were connected together. DeWolf stated that he did not think there were many modifications that could be completed to the trail within the park that would still meet all the regulations that needed to be met.

Wimmer stated that in looking at option 1 and option 2, he questioned where the lot was that the City was to take.

Wilson stated that the lot is located near the northeast side. Wilson stated that when the area develops, this would be the entrance to the park.

Wimmer stated that would be option 3. Wimmer stated that he would like to use the lot as much as possible. Wimmer stated that is where the trail will be going through in the long term.

Zdon stated that the option 3 would allow them to use what will someday be road and connect to the trail through the lot that will be used. Zdon stated that he was in favor of the two levels for the park trail.

Wimmer questioned if DeWolf knew the distance on the trails.

DeWolf stated that he did not, but could obtain that information.

Wimmer questioned if DeWolf had an estimate for the cost to put the plans together. Wimmer stated that would be a question at Council.

DeWolf stated that he did not. DeWolf stated that he could pull that information together prior to heading to Council.

Motion by Horst, second by Zdon to recommend that the City move forward with the Trail Plan as proposed using Option 3 with the proposed two-tier trail in the woods and an overlook over the Rum River. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Skate Park Lighting

Wimmer stated that this was too expensive.

Zdon stated that it may be overkill as well. Zdon stated that it was too expensive anyway.

Wimmer asked if there were any questions from the Board members.

Zdon stated no. Zdon stated that it is a non-issue. Zdon stated that if law enforcement knows they are in the rink and they are not causing problems, then to let them be in the outdoor rink. Zdon stated that they were not causing problems, just skating.

Park Board members agreed.

J. Bike Walk Trail Extension to Downtown

DeWolf explained the street section that had been prepared for the proposal. DeWolf stated that the paved portion of the roadway is 39 feet. DeWolf stated that would allow for an 8 foot parking lane to be striped on one side with two 4-foot bike lanes. DeWolf stated that there would be 11 foot driving lanes, which would be more than adequate. DeWolf stated that the centerline would need to be shifted. DeWolf stated that it is possible.

Wimmer stated that he would like to put it on hold until the street is re-surfaced.

Zdon questioned when the roadway would be re-surfaced.

DeWolf stated that it is projected to happen in 2014.

Zdon stated that it would not pay to stripe it now then. Zdon questioned if that is the best route.

Wimmer stated that the thought was to try to bring people that are biking into the downtown. Wimmer stated that they could then park in the area behind Main Street. Wimmer stated that they wanted to see if it was possible to make that connection.

Zdon stated that there are number of ways to get down there, but this would appear to be the most direct way into the downtown from the trail.

Wimmer stated that it would impact the least amount of roadway. Wimmer stated that having a nice direct route would work the best.

DeWolf stated that it is important to maintain a parking lane, as there are cars parked on the roadway through this area often.

Zdon stated that it should be shelved for now.

Wimmer stated he agreed. Wimmer stated that it could be included in the plans for this street when it is re-surfaced.

K. Updates

Wilson stated that 10k Wakes is working on their engineering plans and will be submitting those to the City along with the escrow agreement.

Wilson stated there are two members whose terms are up at the end of the year. Wilson stated that Mr. Zdon and Mrs. Parker can certainly re-apply for another term.

Wilson stated that the bike walk group met to discuss the naming issues. Wilson stated that a consistent name for the trail was agreed upon.

Wimmer stated that representatives from the two cities met. Wimmer outlined what had happened to this point with the trail agreement. Wimmer stated that the group met last Friday. Wimmer stated that the issues were discussed and it was agreed that they should go back to the original agreement. Wimmer stated that if there were to be a name change, both cities would need to approve that along with the naming of any outlooks.

Horst questioned what the name was.

Wimmer stated it is the Cambridge-Isanti Bike Walk Trail. Wimmer stated that the Council would review the agreement in December. Wimmer stated once approved, Mayor Palmer will be at the meeting to do a formal signing of the agreement.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Horst to adjourn the November 22, 2011 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 24th day of January 2012.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director