

**City of Isanti  
Park & Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes of  
November 25, 2008  
Isanti City Hall**

**A. Call To Order**

Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

All present 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 M. Krause, City Planner

**D. Agenda Modifications**

Wimmer questioned if there were modifications to the Agenda.

Krause stated no.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Bone to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Approve Minutes from October 28, 2008 Meeting**

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to approve the October 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Parks Action Plat Update**

Krause presented the staff memo and the changes to the action plan.

Wimmer questioned the location of the fence around Rum River Meadows Park.

Zdon stated that there was a residential fence along one side of the property already and it was six (6) feet in height.

Wimmer questioned if any of the other parks had fencing.

Zdon thought there was fencing around the Tot Lot, but that fencing was in place by the residents.

Wimmer questioned if the group felt this was a priority project.

Board members agreed the item could be removed.

Wimmer questioned if the small playground within the NE corner of Bluebird Park was a priority as well.

Zdon stated that the BMX Association did not see it as a necessity. Zdon stated that he would be applying for an upcoming grant that could award money to the Association for equipment near that area. Zdon did not feel that the BMX Association would be pushing for equipment to be located within the area.

Wimmer questioned the other Board members.

Kennedy stated that she would like to see the limited funds go elsewhere.

Board members agreed that the item could be removed for the time being.

Wimmer questioned Frisbee golf.

Bone stated that he had not heard of anyone asking for this type of facility within the Park.

Zdon stated that Ms. Vita had suggested the activity and was in favor.

Board agreed to remove the item from the project list.

Wimmer stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Meyer, Public Works Director, regarding the landscaping that is found in the island entrances into Bluebird Park. Wimmer stated that Mr. Meyer would like to fill these with gravel because the vegetation that was planted is dying.

Kennedy stated that the islands are small and the plants could be removed and planted elsewhere.

Bone stated that the islands should not have been constructed there. Bone stated that no one official approved the islands, as the former City Administrator wanted them and they appeared.

Wimmer questioned if the Board felt the islands should be filled with rock and the plants removed.

Kennedy stated that the plants could be removed in the spring and relocated.

Wimmer questioned who was going to do that and when.

Kennedy stated that in the spring the group could go out and dig up the plants that have survived. Kennedy stated that they could be relocated and the gravel could be put in.

Board members agreed to the removal of the plants from the islands and that gravel be put in their place.

Wimmer questioned the fence along the railroad right-of-way in Bluebird Park and felt that this should happen sooner rather than later.

Zdon agreed. Zdon thought a six foot privacy fence would be sufficient in the area.

Wimmer questioned what type of fencing was normally used in these types of locations. Wimmer stated that staff should look into this item.

### **G. Cost Estimates for Basketball / Volleyball Courts**

Krause reviewed the staff memo outlining the project costs.

Wimmer stated that he would like to see the basketball courts in place.

Zdon questioned where the basketball courts would be located.

Krause presented the layout of the Bluebird Park.

Board members agreed that the location may need to be revised.

Wimmer stated that the location could be reviewed further at the January meeting.

### **H. City Flag – Concept Design**

Krause presented the staff memo.

Bone questioned why there was no reference to our City parks.

Wimmer stated that the flag was supposed to be a more generalized idea of the City.

Wimmer stated that he liked #3, but would like to see the river come before the railroad tracks as shown in #4.

Zdon agreed. Zdon also stated that he would like to see the people moved more into the circle.

Kennedy liked the birds shown in #2 better. Kennedy thought the birds in #3 looked more like seagulls than an eagle.

Wimmer questioned the background colors.

Zdon stated that he would like to see blue on the edges and white in the middle. Zdon stated that this would make it look more like a flag.

Kennedy stated that the picture in the middle could than show the necessary colors.

Parker questioned the “Community for Generations” tagline on the bottom of the circle in #3.

Wimmer stated that it could be left as is and be the bottom of the circle.

Parker stated that she like it as shown.

### **I. Housekeeping Items**

#### **1. December Meeting**

Wimmer questioned whether the Board wanted to hold the December meeting.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to cancel the December meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

**2. Park Board Member Interest to Remain on Board in 2009**

Wimmer questioned the Board member's interest in remaining on the Board.

All board members stated that they wanted to continue in 2009.

**J. Updates**

**1. Walk the Town Isanti Map**

Krause presented the map.

**2. Outdoor Ice Rink**

Krause stated that the warming house would be available soon. Krause stated the ice would be made weather permitting.

**K. Adjournment**

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Dated at Isanti Minnesota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

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Lisa M Krause, City Planner