

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2010
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chairman Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Keith Koehler, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner

D. Agenda Modifications

Krause stated that there were none.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to approve the February 23rd, 2010 Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Oath of Office for new Park and Recreation Board Member

1. Keith Koehler

Krause requested that Mr. Koehler stand and recite the Oath of Office that had been provided.

Koehler stood and recited the Oath.

Krause requested that the Oath be signed and returned to her.

F. Approve Minutes from the January 26th, 2010 Meeting

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to approve the Minutes from the January 26th, 2010 Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Rum River BMX Request (Kevin Riedemann)

Kevin Riedemann, Track Operator at Rum River BMX, was present at the meeting. Riedemann stated that the group was requesting support from the Park Board before going to the City Council. Riedemann stated that every year the group has been making improvements to the facility. Riedemann stated that there has been some erosion of the back side of the berms that was not anticipated at the time that the track was tarred. Riedemann stated that they have tried getting back in there with bobcats and larger equipment, but could not get the dirt high enough. Riedemann stated that they need to get some buckets of dirt up in there, so the erosion does not undercut the

tarred track. Riedemann stated that the project would take about an hour. Riedemann stated that they are coming to the City because they know that the City has a front-end loader located right across the way. Riedemann stated that the front-end loader could be utilized to get the dirt where they need it to be and then the group can just shovel in the rest. Riedemann stated they do not want to have to hire a contractor to come in to aid with this project.

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to recommend to the City Council that City staff and equipment is provided to the Rum River BMX Association to aid in the project outlined. Motion was unanimously approved.

Wimmer stated that the City is excited to hear that they will be hosting the State event.

Riedemann stated that the event should bring in a large group of people. Riedemann stated that there may even be some media coverage at the track. Riedemann stated that the group hoped to bring the National event back to Isanti soon.

H. Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Organization

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer questioned what their purpose is going to be. Wimmer stated that the surrounding area has done very well in bringing in dollars for projects thus far. Wimmer questioned where the meetings would be located.

Krause stated that no specific location was given. Krause stated that the meeting location may float, similar to that of TH 65 coalition.

Wimmer questioned if staff had an interest in doing this.

Zdon questioned what we would get out of the joining the group.

Wimmer stated that the group is to lobby the state to get more dollars. Wimmer stated that the City is a member of other groups. Wimmer stated that the City does a really good job of obtaining funds. Wimmer stated that the City would not have funds available in the upcoming year for a membership fee.

Koehler questioned if this would help market or advertise the City.

Krause stated that the group had begun to form after the Legacy Amendment had been approved. Krause stated that initially, the Legacy Amendment had divided the dollars up between the metro area, greater Minnesota, and the State parks. Krause stated that those rules may change and if they do, greater Minnesota would be left out. Krause stated that the group is trying to ensure that the funds associated with this amendment are still available to greater Minnesota as well.

Wimmer stated that the group is looking to ensure that the dollars from the Legacy Amendment would be given to greater Minnesota. Wimmer stated that the membership dues would be dollars to try to lobby against the political weight of the metro area.

Koehler questioned if we are part of the group now.

Wimmer stated that we are not part of the group now.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend taking no action on joining the Greater MN Regional Park and Trails Organization. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Message Centers for Bluebird Park and Mattson Park

Krause presented the staff memo.

Koehler questioned how Mr. Sames would be paid or if this would be overtime.

Wimmer stated that he will be doing it and may be building up comp time. Wimmer stated that there would be no additional labor costs.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to recommend approval of the message centers to be constructed of Cedar by Mr. Sames. Motion was unanimously approved.

J. Diseased Tree Ordinance

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer questioned if staff had spoken to Mr. Klocksien.

Krause stated that staff would be in contact with him.

Wimmer stated that at this point, City staff is looking for authorization to draft an Ordinance.

Zdon questioned if staff could use the form provided as a template.

Wimmer stated that staff will do some research with other communities. Wimmer stated that those will be reviewed and tailored to our specific situation.

Zdon questioned if the City had a tree expert.

Wimmer stated that formally the City does not; however, Mr. Klocksien has been contacted as a reference in the past.

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to direct City staff to draft a Diseased Tree Ordinance. Motion was unanimously approved.

K. Updates

1. Bike/Walk Trail

Krause outlined the Minutes from the February 5th meeting of the Bike-Walk Trail Committee.

Wimmer stated that the City Engineer will be reviewing what has been put together this far. Wimmer stated that the issue with the project was that the engineer that was hired at the beginning only looked at one similar example for the bog walk/bridge, which was underbid. Wimmer stated

that the final cost estimate had come in much higher than original anticipated. Wimmer stated that additional funds were requested and received, but even with those funds, additional money is necessary to cover the costs.

Wimmer stated that there is question as to whether or not what is being requested in the upcoming grant submittals will actually cover the costs associated with the construction of the trail. Wimmer stated that there is no contingency in the cost estimates. Wimmer stated that on City projects a 10% contingency is built into the cost estimates. Wimmer stated that both cities have provided \$50,000 towards the project and about \$63,000 has already been spent. Wimmer stated that verification from the City Engineer has been requested to see if what has been estimated is in the ballpark. Wimmer stated that he does not want to see any additional funds spent until this has been determined.

K. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23rd day of March 2010.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Krause, City Planner / Parks Coordinator