

**CITY OF ISANTI
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2016
City Council Chambers**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Zdon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present: Jennifer Garvey, Mayor Wimmer, and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: Jamie Bergwick (Gave Prior Notice)

Staff Present: Josi Wood, Public Services Director

D. Agenda Modifications.

Zdon asked if there were any agenda modifications. There were none.

Motion by Garvey, second by Wimmer to approve the February 23rd 2016 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2016 Parks, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting.

Motion by Wimmer. Second by Garvey. Vote was unanimously approved.

3. Tot Lot Equipment Discussion

Wood stated that the bottom slide portion of the Tot Lot Slide had been identified by the Subcommittee to be addressed with a new piece as prioritized item #2 on the replacement list. Wood stated as she had mentioned previously, the equipment was approximately 17 years old and the exact slide piece was not available but the playground representative had found a comparable piece that should work. Wood stated the piece was ordered but staff found that it would not work with the line up of the holes and the new piece was ¾ inches larger than the old. Wood stated she did ask the playground representative an estimate for the remainder of the slide. He was going on vacation but gave a rough estimate of \$3700.00. He would get a more accurate number when he returns in a week. Wood stated she had other discount playground equipment to review by the Board because it may not be cost effective to purchase a new slide when there are other equipment pieces broken and more would probably come as the equipment continues to age.

Zdon asked if we would get a credit.

Wood stated the rep didn't know at that time. Wood stated later she would work to get a credit towards other items we purchase through them.

Other discussion on the return and why the equipment would not work and the playground company.

Wimmer asked how much was set aside for park equipment.

Wood stated \$10,000 [staff stated that incorrectly, the number allotted for park equipment reserves in the 2016 budget was \$7500.00].

Wimmer stated it would be approximately 40% of the total funds for one slide.

Discussion was held on whether the slide was a safety hazard. It was determined that it was not. Also, there was discussion on the sale price full sets of equipment in comparison.

The Board asked to get more information brought back to the next meeting.

4. Compost Site Discussion

Wood stated the compost site potential hours will go to Council next Wednesday. Also to have an attendant staff the site. All of the funds to reopen the site was approved in the 2016 budget.

Zdon asked if we would be hiring someone to do this.

Wood stated yes. That is going to Council as well. Wood described how the hours and days would work out under the Union contract.

Garvey asked if we have questions on the hours we should go to Council.

Wood stated yes.

5. Updates

Street Dances

Wood stated that the street dance dates are in place. The city has the backup venue for July and August at the Isanti Indoor Arena. The RR BMX has races the full weekend during the street dance date in June.

PRC Marketing

Wood stated that staff had been working hard to promote and market the many PRC programs and events the city has to offer. These include PRC Parks Brochure, Many Faces City Article Portion, STEAM, and Community Education Brochure. Wood explained the different marketing opportunities.

Community Garden

Wood stated the community garden is moving right along. Staff is waiting for more of the ground to thaw. Registration for plots was open effective February 9th. Please direct people to contact Katie Everett to register and choose their plots or they can also get the information off the City website or right at the front desk at City Hall.

Garvey asked if we had someone register already.

Wood stated yes.

River Bluff Preserve Park

Wood stated the name was approved by Council for the 38-acre parkland. Staff met with the DNR to discuss putting up signage to help control the intrusion of 4-wheelers and snowmobiles on their land. Staff also has signs and posts they will put up come spring.

Wimmer stated we are having quite a few more. Last he saw was 5 ATV and a few extra people below drinking beer. We will install the bollards to help prevent. Wimmer stated its getting more. He spoke with Chief about it. He stated since the licensing of the ATV we are seeing more. Wimmer stated we will start putting out on the licenses that if they break any of these rules, they will lose their license. PD

said they are seeing more ATVs trespassing and going on private property because we are allowing them to use the road.

Wimmer wanted to share with the Allina clinic coming in, they are eager to invest in the City and have funding and grant opportunities available.

Wimmer began discussion on the open member seat and youth/student seat that are still open and encouraged the Board to share that they should share with others and have them send in an application.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Wimmer, second by Garvey to adjourn the February 23, 2016 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23rd day of February, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Josi Wood
Public Services Director