

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
February 24, 2009
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chair George Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy;
Bridgette Parker and Aaron Zdon (both arriving late).

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 24th Park and Recreation Board Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approve Minutes from January 27th, 2009 Meeting

Motion by Bone, second Kennedy by to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Student Representative (Description and Qualifications)

Krause presented the staff memo and the description prepared by staff. Krause asked for changes.

Wimmer stated that the “younger generations” perspective should be removed and should just say “their” perspective. Wimmer stated that the original description was unclear, as he could be considered a younger generational individual when compared to Mr. Bone. Wimmer did not want the description to seem condescending. Wimmer liked that the student would complete an Isantian article. Wimmer questioned if there were other changes.

Bone thought the description looked good.

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to recommend to the City Council that the student representative description be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Tree Planting – Bluebird Park

Krause presented the staff memo and the areas that would be available for the upcoming tree planting. Krause stated that the completed zones are 3, 4, and 11.

Wimmer stated that the City was trying to get trees up in areas where there would be the most people. Wimmer stated that in some areas they are not sure how the areas will be laid out. Wimmer stated near the hockey rink, the City would be working to have restrooms and warming house.

Wimmer questioned how much was remaining in the budget.

Krause stated that the remaining amount would be around \$300,000 given that the City Council had transferred the interest out of the fund. Krause also stated that portion of that would be for the pedestrian bridge.

Wimmer questioned how much the group wanted to do. Wimmer suggested 2, 16, and 5.

Zdon felt that those areas would be within the budget.

Wimmer felt that these areas radiated out from the previous plantings.

Motion by Parker, second by Zdon to recommend that Section 2, 15, and 5 be completed at the upcoming tree planting. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Unity Park Softball Field – Scheduling Policy

Krause presented the staff memo as well as the policies that have been drafted.

Wimmer stated that we have groups that have always used Unity Park for Softball. Wimmer stated that the two groups that have utilized the park would be notified first; however, for the other groups would be first come, first serve. Wimmer stated that this has become an issue this year, as the softball fields in Cambridge are not completed. Wimmer stated that the City would like to have the policy approved by the City Council and in place by April.

Krause stated that staff has created an athletic field policy as well as a park shelter policy as well. Krause stated that currently the City has an application for reservation of the park shelter in Bluebird Park, but does not have a written policy. Krause stated that the policies would apply to all park fields and shelters, not just Bluebird Park.

Wimmer questioned if the first come, first serve mentality would be for the park shelter as well.

Krause stated that it would.

Wimmer stated that he had concerns regarding whether an individual wanted to use every available hour. Wimmer questioned if the group wanted to tackle this issue now.

Zdon felt that it would be a bummer if someone wanted to take every available hour.

Wimmer stated that the policy should be on a first come, first serve basis.

Motion by Parker, second by Zdon to recommend to the City Council that that policy be on a first come, first serve basis. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Terms for the Park and Recreation Board

Wimmer presented the new terms that have been established for the Board. Wimmer stated that the person that has served the longest would serve the one year, two people would serve the two year

term and the person that has been there the least amount of time would be within the three year term. Wimmer stated that when the term expires, the current individual can apply for reappointment.

Wimmer stated that individuals have to let the chair know if they are going to be gone. Wimmer stated that there have been issues on other boards where individuals have missed a substantial amount of time; however, there are no ramifications. Wimmer stated that communication of the absence is required.

J. Updates

1. Pedestrian Bridge (FHWA and DOT-FTA-FRA Transportation Appropriation Applications for TY 2010).

Krause provided the update on the pedestrian bridge application. Krause stated that the application was submitted on Friday, February 20th.

2. City Flag – Final Design

Krause presented the final design drawings prepared by Ms. Reller.

Wimmer stated that he did not like the stripes.

Zdon agreed that the all blue was better. Zdon stated that “A Community for Generations” needs to be bigger. Zdon thought that the tagline should stretch across the bottom, near the foot of the individual and then matching on the other side.

Wimmer stated that the tagline should be in a larger font. Wimmer stated that the eagles looked great.

Krause stated that the changes would be forwarded along to Ms. Reller.

K. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to adjourn at 5:16 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 24th day of March 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa M. Krause, City Planner, AICP