

**CITY OF ISANTI  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 25, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Jenny Garvey – PRC Manager called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: James Witte, Aaron Zdon, Council Member Jimmy Gordon and Brian Thum  
Staff Present: Jenny Garvey, Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager

**Agenda/Modifications:** None added, motion by Witte, second by Thum to approve the agenda for February 25, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.

**2. Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Witte; second by Thum to approve meeting Minutes from January 28, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.

**3. Discussion Items presented by PRC Board Member Thum:** Thum brought to the board an idea of adding a walkway to connect the main Isanti Indoor Arena parking lot to the northeast parking lot in Bluebird Park. Thum is a frequent visitor to this facility. Thum added that this facility is getting more use and the extended parking areas are being utilized. One in particular is the parking lot that is in the northeast section of the park, just north of the skate park. The grass area between main parking lot, which runs along the tree line gets flooded or is very saturated with water throughout the year as it's a low lying area. Thum suggested a walkway be added to this area. Thum added that people have to walk along the street, which has no sidewalk to access the facility to avoid the grass area. There is a path that runs to the facility, but is south of the skate park and have to walk that distance to access the path. Zdon asked what the process was and if BMX was willing to help fund this project. Zdon also added that when the parking lot re-structure occurred a few years ago this idea was briefly discussed and he also agreed that this is an area that is difficult to walk through. Zdon and Thum were not sure if BMX would be in agreement with this addition. Zdon also added that this is a non-budgeted item this would need to be reviewed. Garvey added that this project would have to also meet ADA standards. The board discussed options and that maybe the city engineer could review this area. Witte clarified the area of question. Zdon continued that he would also like to see adding a pathway to the existing skate park and the parking lot. Zdon also commented that parking spaces would be lost with the addition of a walkway. Thum added that he has not talked or discussed this with the BMX board. Garvey added that City Engineer Jason Cook was in the audience, in which Cook reviewed that a culvert could be added and that the parking spots could be crossed off and labeled no parking, and a quick estimate was about \$2,500. Cook also added there is a catch basin in this area and could maybe capture some of the water. Zdon added that he would prefer to have a walkway vs a catch basin. Thum agreed that he would also like to see the walkway option. Zdon added that in a prior PRC meeting the board had discussed the path in the south area that jogs out by the pleasure rink and straightening it out. Witte added that he also recalled this discussion. Motion by Witte, second by Thum, to look at the trails in the section in Bluebird Park by the skate park, the arena and the parking lots.

Thum also brought to the board to discuss the item of canopies to be set up along the tree line grass area and the parking lot. Zdon added that this was not a city/PRC rule, he recalled that this is a BMX item they had decided to put in place. Garvey continued that this is correct and that she reached out to BMX contacts and this was put in place by BMX, as cars were scratched by bikes. Garvey added that the restriction as a city for canopies is that they cannot be staked into the ground where the sprinkler system is in place.

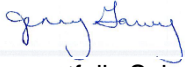
The third item Thum brought to discuss was the idea of insect control around the staging area for racers in the IIA which is on the east side of the building and the rain garden is on this side of the building. Garvey commented that the rain garden is a pollinator area and mosquito control in the rain garden would not be possible. Thum added if there are any plants at that are a natural mosquito control. Garvey continued that she does not have that background knowledge but can look into this item further.

**4. Department Updates:**

Garvey reviewed that staff will move forward with the an egg hunt for 2021, a parade float option for 2020 and fireworks for 2020 after the parade in July. Garvey continued that a sledding hill will be added in 2020 to Bluebird Park and Public works will start this project in the fall timeframe. The spring newsletter will have a Parks calendar insert, so be on the watch for this when it is mailed out. It includes the events and a calendar

for 2020. The street dances are June 20, with The Farmer's Daughters, July 18 will be Brother Ferris and August 8 with The Brat Pack.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Witte, second by Thum to adjourn the February 25, 2020 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion passed 4-0, meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Garvey

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager