

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

A. Call To Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chair George Wimmer, Yvonne Kennedy, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: Clell Bone

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner

D. Agenda Modifications

Wimmer questioned if there were modifications to the Agenda.

Krause stated no.

E. Approve Minutes from February 26, 2007 Meeting

Motion by Kennedy, second by Zdon to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Cambridge / Isanti Soccer Association Funding Request

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer questioned whether the petitioner was fine with the funds being transferred internally.

Dodd, representing Cambridge / Isanti Soccer, stated that that was fine.

Zdon stated that the request appeared to meet the necessary requirements.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend approval of the funding request for the Cambridge / Isanti Soccer Association. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Rum River BMX Association – Accessory Structures (Platforms)

Wimmer questioned what happened to the building that was to be constructed on the property.

Riedemann stated that the funding had not been approved as it was originally expected to be. Riedemann presented the drawings for the platform structures instead. Riedemann stated that the structures were interim structures until the funding for the tower was approved.

Wimmer questioned whether Mr. Sames had seen the drawings and if he was on board with the proposal.

Krause stated that copies of the drawings had been submitted to the Building Official and he did not appear to have any issues with the proposal.

Zdon stated that he had spoken with Mr. Sames as well and it was indicated that the platforms would not be a problem. Zdon stated that the platforms were not to have a roof as there would be concerns with wind load and snow load.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Parker to recommend approval of the plans presented by the Rum River BMX Association for two (2) platforms to be placed upon City property. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Sign Review – Sportsman Field (Redbirds)

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer questioned the colors for the signs.

Krause stated that the logo was in Isanti blue. Krause stated that the letter, overall, was in black or dark blue with the exception of the top sign. Krause stated that the “Thank You for Support Our Community!” was shown in red on this particular sign.

Zdon stated that he liked the top sign without the City Hall address shown.

Wimmer agreed. Wimmer stated that he had concerns with the color red. Wimmer did not want to see a harsh red.

Zdon stated that the red should be “American Flag Red”.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to recommend approval of the top sign shown on the graphics without the address to city hall; and to recommend that the red lettering be not a harsh red. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Band Shell Quotes

Krause presented the staff memo and the quotes for the band shell kit, construction, and electrical work.

Wimmer stated that the next step should be to meet with Mr. Dave Mauer, Cambridge – Isanti Community Education, to make sure that there would be groups looking to perform at the band shell.

Zdon stated that the low estimate was from Hermanson Homes and it included painting.

Wimmer stated that the whole package should be brought back at the next Park and Recreation Board meeting. Wimmer stated that the Board could review the package and make a formal recommendation to the City Council at that time.

Krause stated that staff would work to set up a meeting with a representative from Community Education to discuss potential venues that could be held at the band shell.

J. Tree Planting Bluebird Park

Krause stated that the item would need to be brought back to the next meeting. Krause stated that several nurseries had yet to figure out costs for various tree products. Krause stated that staff was asked to call back in a couple of weeks.

K. Mayor's Great Yard Awards

Wimmer stated that the owner of the Hardware Store was interested in presenting prizes to those individuals that won a great yard award. Wimmer stated that Landmark Bank was also interested in donating prizes.

Wimmer questioned how the Board would like to review the nominees. Wimmer questioned whether everyone wanted to go out and survey properties or just certain individuals.

Kennedy stated that she went to every property last year and would be willing to do so again, providing a map is given showing the property locations.

Parker stated that she would review properties with Kennedy.

Zdon stated that he was too busy during the week to review all the properties.

Wimmer stated that Kennedy and Parker would make up the review committee.

Wimmer stated that the announcement would run the end of April.

L. Updates

Krause stated that the City of Isanti did not receive a Safe Routes to School Grant. Krause stated that the grant winners and the projects had been included for Board review.

Krause also stated that with the rising price of steel the Board may wish to purchase swings for Mattson Park sooner, rather than later, if this is a priority project.

Wimmer questioned how much was remaining in the Replacement Funds.

Krause stated that she was unsure and would check with Ms. Pierce.

Wimmer requested that the item be brought back to the next meeting.

Wimmer updated the group on the Transportation Enhancement Funding process for the Pedestrian Bridge. Wimmer stated that the City did not receive funds. Wimmer stated that if the project were to receive federal funds, the City would be eligible to receive these funds in the next round (2009).

Wimmer also informed the group that Martin's Landing is no longer a camp site. Wimmer stated that the City had issues with an individual that was permanently living in that area. Wimmer stated that the DNR has questioned whether the City would be interested in taking over responsibility for

the area. Wimmer stated that there are cost issues and maintenance issues that need to be discussed. Wimmer stated that a discussion should be held at one of the upcoming meetings on this issue.

Wimmer questioned when the park tour would take place this year.

Krause questioned if the Board had a date in mind.

Wimmer and Zdon agreed that the May Park Board meeting would be a good time.

Krause stated that she will schedule the tour for May.

M. Adjournment

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to adjourn at 5:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti Minnesota, this 22nd day of April 2008.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Krause, City Planner