

**CITY OF ISANTI
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 23,2021**

Call to Order: Aaron Zdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: James Witte, Aaron Zdon and Council Member Jimmy Gordon
Staff Present: Matt Sylvester: Public Services Director

Agenda/Modifications: Zdon asked that February Minutes be added to the agenda. Sylvester added it to the Agenda with motion by Witte; second by Gordon.

2. Oath of Office: Aaron Zdon, James Witte, Jimmy Gordon completed their Oath of Office.

2b. Meeting Minutes: Motion by Witte; second by Gordon to approve meeting Minutes from February 23, 2021. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Designation of Park Visit Assignments: Sylvester reminded board members that previously members of the board would select parks to visit and review, then provide recommendations for upkeep. Zdon chose Academy Park, Whisper Ridge and Legacy Park. Witte chose Rum River Meadows, River Bluff Preserve, Isanti Hills Neighborhood Park, and Mattson Park. Gordon chose Bluebird Park, Riverside Park, Unity Park, and VFW. Board agreed to complete their reviews prior to April board meeting.

4. Department Updates

Sylvester shared that the final Movie Night of the season would be held Friday, March 26. The Easter Egg hunt for March 27 was canceled as the VFW had other plans for this year and would like to revisit in 2022. March Curious Creatures was canceled due to no registrations, but Sylvester noted he asked Alyssa to promote April event to garner more interest. Boy Scouts have reached out to volunteer on Earth Clean-Up Day. Community Garden is almost full with only 9 slots left. 8 vendors are registered for the Farmer's Market, with 1 being a new vendor. Sylvester discussed our strategy of accepting a variety of vendors. Sylvester asked if anybody had anything they would like Alyssa to look into ahead of the next board meeting and to email if they have ideas. Witte asked when the fishing bridge will go back in; Sylvester said as soon as the water goes back down. Sylvester also explained that the dock is left down by the river instead of storing at the shop to reduce damage and potential for injury in moving up and down the hill.

Adjournment: Motion by Witte, second by Gordon to adjourn the March 23, 2021 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion passed 3-0, meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Alyssa Olson
Parks, Recreation & Events Coordinator