

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2013
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

Zdon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Park Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Jamie Bergwick, Clell Bone, Jennifer Garvey, and Aaron Zdon.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director.

D. Agenda Modifications

Zdon questioned if there were any modifications to the agenda.

Wilson stated that she did not have any modifications for the Agenda, but Mr. Wimmer had noted that he had an item to add for discussion.

Wimmer stated that he would like to add Volleyball Court Discussion to the agenda.

Zdon questioned if that would be under Item H, as an Update.

Wimmer stated F.1.

Zdon stated that F.1 would be the Volleyball Court Discussion. Zdon questioned if there would be any additional modifications. Zdon stated that having none; is there a motion to adopt the amended agenda.

Motion by Bone, second by Garvey to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2013 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Zdon stated that the minutes from the February meeting have been included for approval.

Motion by Bone, second by Bergwick to approve the February 26, 2013 Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Legacy Park – Overlook Naming

Wilson presented the staff memo.

Wimmer stated that he has talked with the school district and they would like to help name those. Wimmer stated that they apologize for missing the boat on the last one and do want to be involved with naming the rest areas in the park. Wimmer stated that he would recommend working with the schools and have them submit name suggestions for the Board to review at the next park board meeting.

Garvey questioned if there was any incentive for them to be involved in the past.

Wimmer stated that what had been done in the past was to have a pizza party for the classroom that provided the winning name.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Bergwick to present this to the schools and have some names provided at the next meeting for review. Motion was unanimously approved.

Zdon questioned if they were looking for a couple names or just any names they can come up with. Zdon stated that the spots have not been formally picked out yet.

Wimmer stated that there are a few overlooks that can be named. Wimmer stated that the other areas we can deal with at that time.

F.1. Rum River Meadows Park – Volleyball Court Discussion

Wimmer stated that in the Rum River Meadows Park there are a few extra lots and there has been some inquiry into providing a volleyball court in this park. Wimmer stated that staff had put together some preliminary costs, which were presented at a previous park board meeting. Wimmer stated that the estimate was around \$9000 or so. Wimmer questioned if the numbers seem reasonable. Wimmer stated that the numbers are old, but he would assume that it will still be in the thousands of dollars range. Wimmer questioned if a grass area with poles and net is appropriate. Wimmer stated that those asking for the court want to have it, but they do not want it to be a budget buster either.

Garvey stated that she did not have a lot of experience with volleyball facilities. Garvey stated that they installed one 10 plus years ago. Garvey stated that she cannot remember what the costs were, so she is unsure if the costs provided here are in the ballpark. Garvey questioned if this included public works time to prepare the area.

Wimmer stated no. Wimmer stated that these were just the material costs that were gathered. Wimmer stated that it included the surface, the equipment, and the curbing to keep the sand in.

Garvey stated that she is not sure what the poles would cost. Garvey stated that the ones they installed were a true sleeve in the ground, so that you could take the poles out. Garvey stated that the City is going to need to keep net replacement in mind. Garvey stated that this would be a more expensive net. Garvey stated that she would not recommend it over grass. Garvey stated that it is a better playing surface and more people will use the facility with the sand.

Wimmer stated that was Mrs. Wilson's point as well.

Zdon stated that there was one at Mattson over the grass and it was never used.

Wimmer stated that the edging and equipment was over \$2,000.

Garvey stated that the price of edging can vary greatly as there are so many different kinds of edging. Garvey stated that the edging is important to keep the sand in the facility.

Wimmer stated that he would ask that we obtain some fresh pricing on this item.

Zdon questioned if there is grass now.

Wimmer stated that the lots are what they are. Wimmer stated that the City has not added turf.

Garvey questioned the lot locations.

Wimmer stated that there is one on each side.

Garvey questioned if the court has to run north-south or east-west.

Wimmer thought they could run either direction. Wimmer stated that he thought the lots were 80 feet wide.

Wilson stated that she thought there were two lots on one side and one on the other side.

Zdon stated that we should verify that.

Park Board members directed City staff to obtain new cost estimates for a volleyball court and bring that back to the next meeting.

G. 2013 Mayor's Great Yard Award

Wimmer stated that he needed to know if the sponsors from last year were still interested.

Zdon stated that Startec was still interested.

Wimmer stated that the first place has opted not to do this again. Wimmer stated that the 3rd place, we have not heard back from, but are not expecting them to do so.

Garvey questioned how we go about getting the sponsors.

Wimmer stated that he contacts people and asks if they want to sponsor.

Zdon requested a motion.

Motion by Bergwick, second by Garvey to recommend moving forward with the 2013 Mayor's Great Yard Award. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Updates

1. Addendum to 2011 Park, Trail, and Open Space Plan

Wilson stated that the group will be meeting on March 27th. Wilson stated that a meeting had been scheduled, but was cancelled due to a conflict.

Wimmer stated that it was his fault, as he was called to testify at the capitol at the last minute.

Wimmer stated that they received notification the afternoon prior. Wimmer stated that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

2. Parks and Trails Legacy Funding Formula – Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Coalition

Wilson outlined the information provided by the group regarding the potential changes to the funding formula. Wilson stated that there is apparently a lobbyist working on behalf of metro area communities to further reduce the amount of funding dedicated to greater Minnesota. Wilson stated that the group was looking for a call to action from other entities in greater Minnesota to contact their representatives to show support for maintaining the 40-40-20 split.

Garvey questioned who was on the board.

Wilson stated that there are quite a few entities involved on the board.

Discussion surrounding the Coalition and its membership continued.

Wimmer stated that this is how a lot of the issues happen. Wimmer stated that greater Minnesota was to get a lot of the wildlife stuff and the metro would get the arts funding. Wimmer stated that the metro area wants more of the wildlife dollars too. Wimmer stated that it is changing from what it was originally sold as. Wimmer stated that happens a lot with these funding sources. Wimmer pointed out the foreclosure funds and how they changed over time. Wimmer stated that the City was unable to apply for the second round due to those changes.

Zdon stated that he would contact them. Zdon stated that it sounds like there was agreement, but now someone is trying to undo what was accomplished.

Wimmer stated that they could recommend to the Council to have a letter written by the City in support of keeping the funding.

Motion by Bergwick, second by Garvey to recommend that a letter of support be provided by the Mayor on behalf of the City. Motion was unanimously approved.

Wilson reminded the group that next month was the park tour.

I. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Bergwick to adjourn the March 26, 2013 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 5:16 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23rd day of April 2013.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director