

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2012
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

Bone called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Park Board members rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Clell Bone, Jennifer Garvey, Kimberly Horst, Mayor George Wimmer, Aaron Zdon, and Chloe Sunde, Student Representative.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director, AICP.

D. Agenda Modifications

Wimmer stated that he would like it noted in the minutes that he objected to starting the meeting early.

Bone stated that everyone was present. Bone questioned if there were any agenda modifications.

Wilson stated that there were none.

E. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Motion by Zdon, second by Wimmer to approve the February 28, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Public Hearing

1. Request from Jake LaFerriere, on behalf of 10k Wakes LLC, for site plan/building appearance approval for the construction of a cable wake board park to be located within Bluebird Park at 201 Isanti Parkway NW.

Wilson presented the staff memo and the conditions as recommended by the Planning Review Committee. Wilson stated that Mr. Jake LaFerriere and Mr. Kris Jedda were present to answer any questions.

Bone stated that he thought this would be a good thing for the community. Bone stated that the proposal looked good as presented. Bone questioned if anyone had comments.

Wimmer stated that Mr. Bone needed to open the public hearing on the item.

Bone stated yes. Bone opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

Jake LaFerriere stated that there should be a correction in the size of the pond, as it will be 100 feet wide.

Wilson stated that she would make the correction.

Dave Englund, 600 1st Ave NW, stated that he would like to see the plans for the wake board park. Englund stated that there is not that much information out there for review. Englund questioned how close the pond would come to the creek that runs along the north side of the arena property. Englund stated that the fence

would need to be solid all the way around the pond area. Englund stated that the Redbirds have a small gap in the fencing at the field and kids find their way into the field area and can do some damage.

Horst provided Mr. Englund with a copy of her site plan.

Zdon stated that the group has been working with an engineer as well as with the City Engineer on this project. Zdon stated that plans had been prepared and reviewed.

Ryan Filibeck, 324 322rd Lane NW, questioned if the pond would have jumps and pikes.

LaFerriere stated that it would have those items.

Filibeck stated that he was excited about the project. Filibeck stated that he thought this would be a good thing for Isanti, as it would bring people to the community. Filibeck stated that he is an avid wake boarder; and unless you have a boat or know someone that does, you are out of luck. Filibeck stated that these types of parks, he has only seen in Florida. Filibeck stated that he thinks this project is a great idea.

Bone closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Zdon to recommend approval of the request from Jake LaFerriere, on behalf of Vision Wake Parks Corp. d/b/a 10k Wakes LLC, for site plan/building appearance approval for the construction of a cable wake board park to be located within Bluebird Park at 201 Isanti Parkway NW with staff conditions based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusion as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Removal of Islands at Bluebird Park Entrance

Bone questioned if everyone understood the reasoning behind the request.

Zdon stated that he did.

Park Board members agreed.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Zdon to recommend that the islands located at the entrances into Bluebird Park be removed. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Updates

1. Park Tour – April 24th

Bone stated that the board would meet out front and then would tour the parks. Bone stated that this gave the Board members the opportunity to review the parks and schedule repairs/projects if necessary.

2. CICB – Unity Field Maintenance Request

Wilson stated that the City Council did approve this request. Wilson stated that City staff is working with the group to coordinate the various repairs. Wilson stated that the City is also working with Mr. Englund to coordinate a time when an electrician can come out to the City to replace and adjust lighting at both the Redbirds Field and Unity Field.

3. Ordinance Amendment – Advisory Board Absences

Wilson outlined the amendment to the Ordinance and how this would affect advisory board attendance.

4. Mattson Park Tree Removal – Utility Interference

Wilson stated that City staff was notified by the utility company that the two ash trees along County Road 5 NW in Mattson Park as well as a cluster of trees within the City's ROW along the south side of Main Street would need to be removed, as they are interfering with the overhead utility lines. Wilson stated that the company would be providing two (2) crab apple trees as replacement trees within Mattson Park.

Garvey questioned if they would be located in Mattson Park.

Wilson stated yes.

I. Adjournment

Bone questioned if anyone had anything additional.

No additional comments were noted.

Motion by Horst, second by Garvey to adjourn the March 27, 2012 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 24th day of April 2012.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director