

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
April 22, 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, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: None

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 March 25, 2007 Meeting

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

F. Summer Skate Camp – Isanti Skate Park

The item was moved further into the agenda, as the Board was awaiting the arrival of Ms. Amy Lamb.

Krause presented the staff memo.

Lamb stated that the Cambridge-Isanti Community Education was looking to host the same event as last year. Lamb also stated that she had brought along copies of the insurance for both Community Education and the 3rd Lair Skate Park group.

Wimmer stated that the copies should be given to staff. Wimmer questioned whether the event would fall under our current insurance or if a rider was needed.

Krause stated that she thought what was in place was fine; however, Ms. Bauer would be consulted upon her return.

Zdon stated that the event was successful in the previous year.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to recommend approval of the 3rd Lair Skate Park summer camp hosted by Cambridge-Isanti Community Education for June 2nd through June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Tree Planting – Bluebird Park

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer questioned if everyone would be able to attend on May 12th. Wimmer suggested that the tree planting take place at 1:00 p.m.

Kennedy indicated that she would not be able to attend at that time as she had to work.

Krause stated that staff was under the impression that the event would take place in the evening.

Wimmer questioned if 4:30 p.m. would work.

Parker, Kennedy, and Krause agreed.

Wimmer questioned if the trees would be available. Wimmer stated that there are other individuals who are interested in helping, so the project should not take very long.

Krause stated that staff would work to make sure that the necessary trees were available.

Motion by Parker, second by Bone to recommend approval of the lowest cost estimates for trees and to recommend that the tree planting be held on Monday, May 12th at 4:30 p.m. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Performance Center Package

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer stated that the Middle School is interested in performing within the new facility. Wimmer stated that events for 2008 may be limited to local organizations. Wimmer stated that the City would be able to begin programming for 2009 and this would be the big kick-off year for the facility.

Zdon questioned how long the quotes were good for as there are several that are over 6 months old.

Krause stated that the quotes did not have time limits on them. Krause stated that Connexus would need to be contacted again for an estimate, as the original estimate is only good for 60 days.

Zdon stated that staff should check to make sure that the numbers were still accurate.

Motion by Zdon, second by Bone to recommend approval of the Isanti Electric estimate and Hermanson Homes estimate, providing the estimates hold true, and move the item along to the City Council for review and approval. If such estimates have changed substantially, the item would be brought back to the Park and Recreation Board for further review. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Martin's Landing

Wimmer presented the background on the item. Wimmer presented the issues and concerns.

Wimmer questioned whether the Board wanted to consider bringing Martin's Landing into the City park system. Wimmer stated that if the Board is interested, then further discussions with the DNR would be required to see what the City would be required to do to take over and maintain the area.

Wimmer stated that if the City were to take over the area; a more active and attractive area would need to be created to encourage use.

Zdon stated that the Board was not really in any place to make a decision at this point. Zdon stated that there were a lot of costs with taking over Martin's Landing. Zdon questioned whether those costs could be offset by the benefits.

Kennedy stated that the item should be reviewed at a later date. Kennedy stated that there are other ways for the City to spend their money at this time. Kennedy stated that would not appear that the City has the time, money, or resources to take on the maintenance and enforcement responsibilities that would occur within the Martin's Landing area.

Zdon stated that the item should be tabled until a later date.

J. Mattson Park Swings

Krause provided the staff report.

Zdon questioned whether the swings were dangerous or if there were safety concerns at this time.

Wimmer stated that there were not any safety issues with the swings. Wimmer stated that the swings are older and need to be upgraded.

Wimmer stated that the replacement of the swings should be a priority for the 2009 budget. Wimmer stated that when approached by various groups looking to donate money or items for the parks, staff should be encouraging funding or replacement of the swings as an option.

Krause stated that she would continue to encourage the replacement of the swings within Mattson Park.

K. Updates – Informational Items

Krause presented the updates.

Krause stated that city staff is working with Harlan Lehman on a date for the Park Build in Mattson Park. Krause stated that Thursday, May 29th had been chosen at this point.

Wimmer stated that at the June Park Meeting, the Board needs to decide the new location of the Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail. Wimmer stated that the trail was originally proposed along the railroad; however, the County EDA is looking at an industrial park in that area. Wimmer stated that the new location needs to be determined before the group begins collecting engineering costs for the trails construction.

Wimmer questioned whether staff would be sending out the itinerary for the Park Tour that has been scheduled for the May meeting.

Krause stated that staff would have something out to each of the members.

Wimmer stated that one of the items for discussion will be the removal of Eagle Park.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti Minnesota, this 27th day of May 2008.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Krause, City Planner