

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2013
Annual Park Tour**

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: Jamie Bergwick, Clell Bone, Mayor Wimmer (left meeting at 5:30), and Aaron Zdon.

Members Absent: Jennifer Garvey (gave prior notice).

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.

Motion by Bone, second by Wimmer to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

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

F. Annual Park Tour

1. Eagle Park

Wimmer stated that the Farmer's Market will be held here. Wimmer stated that the City needs to look at constructing a facility to store some of the park equipment in the winter months. Wimmer stated that we just found out that these items were not stored.

Zdon questioned the timing for the first Farmer's Market.

Wimmer stated that they are shooting for the first meeting in June.

2. VFW Park

Wimmer stated that with the proposed trail that will now run along all of Railroad Ave to South Passage; there will be an easier link to this park.

Zdon questioned why the large gate was open. Zdon stated that Public Works should be notified and it should be closed.

Bergwick questioned if the ditches under the swings would be filled.

Wimmer stated that Public Works usually does so each spring.

3. Whisper Ridge Park

Wimmer explained the potential trail through the area located to the north of the Whisper Ridge Park. Wimmer stated that not only could it connect into downtown, but there could be a natural loop through this area.

Zdon questioned if there would be a bridge over the creek. Zdon stated that he would rather see that type of project move forward then worry about the costs associated with removing the basketball or tennis court.

Wimmer stated that there is work to be done yet for a trail. Wimmer stated that the DNR would need to be consulted and there is wetland to worry about.

Zdon questioned the nets, as one is missing.

Wimmer stated that these should be taken in during the winter as well.

Bergwick questioned the death date for the park.

Wimmer stated that it would depend upon when the park area either becomes unplayable or is dangerous to the public.

4. Isanti Tot Park

Zdon stated that it is a good park for the neighborhood. Zdon stated that the sign is very faded and a new one should be ordered.

Wilson stated that she would need to see if funds were available for a new sign.

Zdon questioned if anything was broken.

Wilson stated that she had not been made aware of anything. Wilson stated that there is very little damage to the park, given that there are a lot of eyes surrounding the park.

5. Rum River Meadows Park

Zdon stated that the park gets a lot of use. Zdon stated that the equipment is okay. Zdon stated that this sign here is okay and it faces the same way as the tot lot sign.

Bone stated that the park is well built. Bone stated that the table looks like it needs some paint.

Wimmer stated that the lot to the west could be used for the volleyball court. Wimmer stated that the City may need to consider paring down what the court would entail, due to the costs.

Wilson stated that the costs with equipment, surface, etc. are coming in around \$14,300. Wilson stated that does not include the cost of the geotextile fabric that would be necessary or any labor. Wilson stated that the original discussion was to have Public Works construct the area.

Wimmer stated that the City may need to do something simpler. Wimmer stated that the costs for the sand court are just too high.

Zdon questioned the irrigation of the additional lots.

Wimmer stated that Arc Irrigation did the original system.

Wilson stated that was correct.

Wimmer stated that a quote for additional line would need to be obtained. Wimmer stated that he would be leaving the meeting (5:30 p.m.).

6. Riverside Park

Zdon stated that the sign was starting to fade here as well.

Bergwick questioned if fencing would be appropriate on the side of the park facing the river. Bergwick stated that the kids love to go into the tree area. Bergwick stated that the kids would probably just climb the fence anyway.

Zdon agreed.

Bone stated that there is some writing on the table that should be removed.

Zdon stated some curbing appears to be coming loose. Zdon questioned if Public Works checks these each spring.

Wilson stated that she had spoken with the Public Works Director and they would be heading out once the snow melted to check the parks.

Zdon stated that curbing in all the parks should be checked and replaced if need be.

7. Bluebird Park

Wilson stated that the park is missing a toilet, as there is to be a standard unit as well.

Zdon stated that no new trees appear to have been snapped. Zdon stated that there is some missing hardware for the skate park. Zdon stated that they need screws to keep the sheets on. Zdon stated that the company has sent replacements in the past.

Wilson stated that she would look into it.

8. Unity Park

Wilson stated that Public Works had removed a picnic table as it appeared to have been hit by a snowmobile. Wilson stated that they are working to repair it.

Zdon stated that the ballfield looks ready to go.

Wilson stated that it should be. Wilson stated that there are a number of groups using the facility this year. Wilson stated that Public Works will check this area as well.

9. Mattson Park

Zdon questioned the toilet location.

Wilson stated that she is not sure, unless it was placed so that the City could keep a better eye on it.

Zdon stated that the Mattson sign at the corner of 5th and County Road 5 needs to be repainted. Zdon stated that the lettering is very hard to read and questioned if white could be used instead.

Wilson stated that she will speak with Public Works.

Zdon stated that a date needs to be set for the walk through Legacy Park.

Wilson questioned if the group wanted to do this at an upcoming park board meeting, rather than try to schedule a meeting for a different date and time.

Bergwick questioned if it should be done before the Mayor's walk through the area on May 18th.

Wilson stated that she would not have the area signed accordingly with names by that date.

Zdon stated that the Park Board could meet and review the area at the next meeting.

Wilson questioned if they agreed that May 28th would be the date for the review.

Board members agreed.

Zdon stated that staff should check with Mayor Wimmer as well.

G. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Bergwick to adjourn the April 23, 2013 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 6:08 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 28th day of May 2013.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director