

CITY OF ISANTI

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2022

Call to Order: Dan Hinnenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Zach Gahm was absent. All other members were present including Dan Hinnenkamp, Vaughn Ihrke and Mayor Jeff Johnson, Staff Present: Stephanie Hillesheim, Community Development Director

Agenda/Modifications: None.

2. Meeting Minutes: Motion by Johnson; second by Ihrke to approve meeting Minutes from March 22, 2021. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Park Visit Summary: Mayor Jeff Johnson started by discussing his visits to parks.

Rum River Meadows – He rated the overall park a 4.5 and the playground a 4. Graffiti needs to be removed from the park and the mulch needs some work. Pavement rated a 5 and stated there were no trail obstructions. There is not a pavilion located at this park.

Mattson – He rated the overall park a 4.5. Trenches need cleaning on the west side of the park, and was wondering if a grate could be added to the stormwater culvert that directs water under Main Street. Trails were good, mulch looked good, pavilion was in nice shape and the courts look great!

Bluebird – He rated the overall park a 4. Mulch needs to be added to or raked. Trails look good. Games need to be repainted on paths. Grills need cleaning. Skatepark needs repairs to cracks. Would like to see upgraded skate equipment as they are getting constant use. Bench or 2 could be added around the playground and maybe sand volleyball court added to the park.

Vaughn Ihrke visited the following parks and made his comments:

Riverside Park – He rated the overall park a 4. Playground and everything looks good, bike trails looked well managed.

Whisper Ridge – He rated the overall park a 3. Courts were dirty. Not a lot of equipment. A light pole should be added for safety. Pavement condition needs fixing, tree roots are pushing it up. Graffiti needs to be cleaned up.

Dan Hinnenkamp visited the following parks:

River Bluff Preserve - Trails are fine. Overall for a natural park is beautiful. Great park.

Unity – Garbage cans were knocked over. Pavilions are in great shape. A picnic table could be added. Great location for a City owned campground. Great park!

Isanti Hills – Garbage cans tipped over. Equipment needs updating. Pavilion in great shape. Mulch needed on monkey bars. More defined entrance and parking could be added. Spring characters could use some paint. Bench seems low to the ground. Needs a bike rack.

Zach Gahm will give an update on his parks at the next meeting.

4. Adjustments to Archery Range Layout: Hillesheim announced that the layout of the archery range has been shifted to better fit the length of the targets.

5. Department Updates

Interviewing has started for the Park, Recreation and Events Coordinator position. Alyssa has started working on Illuminate Isanti, again. Earth Day Clean-Up was last Friday. Farmer's Market is now privately run and a ribbon cutting will be held on May 6, 2022 at 2pm. The Birdhouse Project had 13 registrants, supplies just came in and will be dispersed soon.

Adjournment: Motion by Ihrke, second by Johnson to adjourn the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion passed 3-0, meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephanie Hillesheim

Community Development Director