

**City of Isanti  
Park & Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2010  
Isanti City Hall**

**A. Call To Order**

Wimmer stated that the meeting would be for information and discussion only. Wimmer stated that there was not a quorum of the members.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

None.

**C. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Wimmer, Yvonne Kennedy (arrived late), Keith Koehler, and Bridgette Parker (left early)

**Members Absent:** Clell Bone (prior notice) and Aaron Zdon (prior notice)

**Staff Present:** Lisa Krause, City Planner

**D. Agenda Modifications**

Wimmer stated that there was a lack of a quorum.

**E. Approve Minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 Meeting**

Krause stated that the Minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were included. Krause stated that a motion could not be taken due to lack of a quorum.

**F. Annual Park Tour**

**Eagle Park**

Jaysen Guthmueller, Representative Downtown Committee/Chamber of Commerce was present on site. Guthmueller stated that the mulch and flowers provided on-site had been donated.

Guthmueller stated that picnic tables would be coming for the area late this week, early next week. Guthmueller questioned the process.

Wimmer stated that since they would be placed on City property, the City Council would need to grant permission.

Krause stated that she would request that they are added to the upcoming City Council Agenda.

Koehler stated that the "City Parking Lot" signs should be removed or replaced as they are rusted out.

Wimmer agreed. Wimmer questioned if there was anything additional to add.

### VFW Park

Koehler stated that maintenance of the park can be difficult due to the number of trees and all of the leaves that are dropped in the fall.

Wimmer questioned the future of the park. Wimmer stated that questions have been raised as to whether the park should be next to the VFW.

Koehler stated that the VFW had done a lot of really good things for the community.

Wimmer agreed. Wimmer questioned if it is in the agreement that the City would maintain the area.

Krause stated that she would have to look at what is in the agreement.

Wimmer stated that the Board needs to discuss the future of the park and if anything additional should be added or replaced in the park.

Parker questioned if people from the neighborhood ever use the park.

Wimmer stated that it does not get much use.

Koehler agreed that the use is minimal.

Wimmer stated that the City could poll the neighbors and see if they use the park. Wimmer stated that the park could become more passive area over time.

### Whisper Ridge Park

Wimmer stated that the City has not put additional dollars into the park, due to its lack of use.

Koehler stated that with the school issue and the tennis courts at Mattson, this may be any option for the school.

Wimmer stated that it could be, if they would help maintain the facility. Wimmer stated that no one knows the park is here, so it is underutilized.

Koehler stated that the courts are in good shape.

### Isanti Tot Park

Kennedy stated that the chain-link fencing near the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW side of the park has been destroyed and should be looked at.

Wimmer stated that the play curb has been broken near the sign.

Koehler stated that there are some shingles missing from the shelter. Koehler questioned if the Industrial Tech Class would be interested in fixing or re-roofing the shelter as a project.

Wimmer questioned if the grill is used in the park.

Krause stated that she was not sure.

Koehler stated that the grills in Mattson are used. Koehler stated that money should go towards the park as it is heavily used.

Wimmer stated that it has a balance of open space and activity space.

#### Rum River Meadows Park

Wimmer stated that the park is used a lot.

Koehler stated that there needs to be some more wood chips placed in the southeast corner.

Wimmer stated that the climbing wall has been fixed by public works staff.

Parker questioned if there have been issues with the bubble on the smaller equipment being broken.

Wimmer stated that he is not aware of any issue.

Koehler questioned if the sprinkler heads were holding up to the mower.

Krause stated that she was not aware of any issues.

#### Riverside Park

Koehler stated that the bench swing may need some reinforcement.

Wimmer stated that it may just need to be removed.

Koehler stated that the neighbors are really good about picking up the park area.

Wimmer stated that the play equipment should be located closer together.

Kennedy stated that the rationale for the location of the two play structures was due to the access fence that is located on the west side of the park.

Wimmer stated that the City should have reconfigured the area. Wimmer stated that the grass issues along the edge of the park are due to snow removal and salt; which cannot be helped.

#### Bluebird Park

Wimmer questioned if one portable toilet is enough.

Koehler stated that the toilet is usually damaged or backed into during the course of the season anyway.

Wimmer stated that the City maintains the pleasure rink and the Hockey Association maintains the hockey rink.

Koehler stated that both were in terrible shape for skating this past year. Koehler stated that the fire department could bring a tanker truck in to help flood the ice.

Wimmer stated that some trees had died or been broken off. Wimmer questioned how long it took to mow and maintain Bluebird Park.

Koehler stated that it took about two days for mowing and trimming. Koehler questioned if the hockey rink was public.

Wimmer stated that it is open to the public.

Koehler questioned if the hockey association paid for anything.

Wimmer stated that they contributed some funds and manual labor; however, the City did increase the amount that they contributed twice.

Koehler stated that the City could flood the rink more effectively and maintain the area better.

Wimmer stated that the issue was that the Hockey Association wanted hockey ice; and the City did not have the time or resources to do that.

Koehler stated that St. Francis floods a parking area and does use a liner. Koehler stated that the City of Princeton does not use a liner either for their hockey rinks.

Wimmer stated that if the City maintains, then they would need to cut the hours that the Hockey Association could reserve the rink and the public should have the opportunity to use the rink more often.

Koehler questioned the timeline for the band shell.

Wimmer stated that the funds are designated elsewhere and this would have to be a future project.

#### Unity Park

Koehler stated that the area is used a great deal over the lunch hour.

Wimmer stated that the City is working with the school district on the parking area in Unity Park. Wimmer stated that the school district is looking at the numbers to help maintain the parking area, as they do use the facility.

Koehler questioned if the park would remain passive over time.

Wimmer stated that it would.

Koehler stated that there is a lot of open area and it could be used for Frisbee golf.

### Mattson Park

Koehler stated that maybe people should be encouraged to use the park, so that vandalism does not continue in the park.

Wimmer stated that speaking with the residents in the area, the teens come in around 8:00 p.m. or so. Wimmer stated that what is needed is additional enforcement. Wimmer stated that maybe the reserves can stop over at the parks. Wimmer stated that there needs to be a presence in the parks later in the evenings.

Koehler state that teens are hiding out in the culvert near the park.

Wimmer stated that people think the park is open and visible so nothing will happen.

Kennedy stated that it being open and centrally located means nothing.

Wimmer stated that for the next park agenda, the group should discuss having police reserves go through the parks in the evenings. Wimmer questioned if the volleyball area ever gets used.

Koehler stated that the volleyball area and horseshoe pits get very little use.

Wimmer stated that the volleyball net may just need to be removed and transferred to Bluebird Park when that court is built. Wimmer stated that the volleyball discussion should be placed on the next Park Board Agenda.

### G. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

Respectively Submitted,

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Lisa Krause, City Planner / Parks Coordinator