

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
April 28, 2009
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chairman Wimmer, Yvonne Kennedy; Bridgette Parker and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: Clell Bone

Staff Present: Carla Vita, Community Development Director

D. Agenda Modifications

None.

E. Approve Minutes from March 24th, 2009 Meeting

Motion by Kennedy, second Parker by to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Annual Park Tour

Unity Park: Park Amenities and history discussed.

Bluebird Park:

1) Basketball Court Location

Vita discussed the Staff memo. Vita discussed the location. Vita discussed the costs of the basketball court and the Park & Recreation park dedication budget. Wimmer stated that the City Council transferred the park interest out, but due to the budget in better standing than expected, some interest will be recommended to be returned.

Board liked the original location of the basketball courts as shown on the map. Wimmer stated that the courts need to be rotated 90 degrees due to the sun.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend to the City Council to obtain a request for proposal for engineering services for the Basketball Court project; and for Staff to obtain quotes for the construction of the courts and installation of the basketball hoops. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Tree planning cost estimates

Vita discussed the three proposed planting areas.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend the quote by Wolcyn to the City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Furthermore, the Park & Recreation Board is directing Staff to determine a date and time for the planting preferring it to be similar to last year.

Vita discussed the street pole that is being replaced.

Vita stated that Public Works Meyer will be placing more wood chips.

Wimmer discussed a proposed open space policy. The policy would be to control the use of open space. Wimmer stated that to date no issue has occurred in which a group has taken over the park on a routine basis. Wimmer indicated that the Board should see how other Cities handle green space requests. Staff currently has received requests for the use of the open space. The policies are to be brought back by Staff for future Park & Recreation Board discussion.

Riverside Park:

The history of the park was discussed.

Mattson Park

Discussion that the tennis courts were completed approximately 2003. In the future, the swings in the park need replacement.

3) Stenciling sidewalks leading into downtown.

Wimmer discussed his idea of placing stencils on the sidewalk to encourage people to walk to the downtown. The image that was created was discussed as not being wide enough. The image would end at the downtown bricks. The intent is to encourage people to walk in the downtown. Furthermore, the downtown could have a sign indicating where events are taking place or other monthly matters.

Wimmer stated that the painting will need to be completed yearly. Zdon stated that he likes the idea of the tracks, but not the train image. Wimmer stated that public works would paint the stencil. Wimmer stated he is trying to find ways to get people to walk.

Zdon stated he likes the downtown sign idea. Wimmer stated that the information will need constant updates.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to direct staff to bring information back to the Park & Recreation Board on the cost of the stencil and time to paint the stencil.

4) Downtown parking lot.

5) Directional signage.

Vita discussed a future plan to clean Park Brook.

Martin's Landing

Discussed ownership.

Rum River Meadows

Discussed history and use. Kennedy commented that the park does not have a shelter. Zdon stated that the green space is used.

Isanti Tot Lot

History of the park discussed. Comments on how nice the trees look.

Whisper Ridge

History of the park and its use was discussed.

VFW Park

The park equipment was discussed.

G. Adjournment

Motion by Kennedy, second by Zdon to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 26th day of May 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

Carla Vita, Community Development Director