

**CITY OF ISANTI  
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 28, 2015  
Annual Park Tour**

**1. Meeting Opening.**

**A. Call to Order.**

Zdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:** Jamie Bergwick, Mayor Wimmer, Lynn True and Aaron Zdon.

**Members Absent:** Maddie Anderson and Jennifer Garvey.

**Staff Present:** Josi Wood, Community Events Manager and Parks Coordinator.

**D. Agenda Modifications.**

Zdon asked if there were any. There were no agenda modifications.

Motion to approve the agenda by Wimmer. Second by Bergwick. Vote was unanimously approved.

**2. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2015 Park, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting.**

Motion by Wimmer. Second by True. Vote was unanimously approved.

**3. Public Hearing**

None.

**4. Annual Park Tour**

**Eagle Park**

The Board members met at Eagle Park and discussed that the Farmers Market would be at this location again this year.

Wood stated that there is still currently no signage for this location and perhaps consider putting a sign stating this is the location of the Farmers Market and information on the sign if the Market is planned to stay at this location in future years.

**VFW Park**

The Board discussed the park and said it was kept up well.

**Whisper Ridge Park**

The Board discussed the park's usage and the foot traffic that is passing through Mr. Randy Morrell's property, 802 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW.

People have been climbing the fence and passing through Mr. Morrell's property which he is concerned about the safety and liability aspect. The Board discussed where the fence ended and whether or not a fence blocking off the park on the side of Mr. Morrell's property would help.

Zdon questioned whether or not the fence would help and also brought up the concern that there are many parks where people pass through private property. He questioned the precedence it would set.

The Board directed Staff to look into the cost to put up a 6' high chain-link fence that would enclose a portion of the park which also followed Mr. Morrell's property.

Zdon asked where the project of connecting the park to Downtown was and if it was being pursued at this time.

Wimmer stated that the area is a wetland and it would need a boardwalk type trail which would cost hundreds of thousands.

At this current time, this project is not being pursued.

*Wimmer departed from the meeting.*

### **Isanti Tot Lot Park**

The Board discussed the park and the log roll play structure that was removed last Fall due to being broken.

Wood questioned if this was something that we wanted to replace with the cost being approximately \$1200.

The Board discussed that there may be other play equipment that may be better utilized by users of the park.

Wood stated she would look into it.

The rubber coating was pulling away from the platforms and also benches in many areas making edges sharp.

Zdon stated that some of this may be covered under warranty or public works may be able to sand the old off and spray a coating over it.

True asked if the shingles had been replaced on the shelter.

Wood stated yes they were replaced along with the shingles at Mattson Park.

### **Rum River Meadows**

The Board discussed the park and its structures. They also discussed what could potentially be done with the lot on the West side which is primarily weeds and sandburs which some complaints come in about that.

Wood stated without irrigation, it is hard to get good grass to grow there.

The small play structure is in need of some screw covers.

The Board drove down the road past the 38-acre parcel of land that the City acquired from the DNR.

Wood explained that the preliminary report says we may be able to have the trails, access to the river and community garden here.

### **Riverside Park**

The Board discussed the play equipment. The bullet did not slide properly.

### **Bluebird Park**

The equipment is holding up good.

Wood stated that a section of the tunnel was replaced last year along with the small slide.

The Board discussed how busy this park is.

### **Skate Park**

Bergwick brought up the topic of moving the skate park. The Board discussed the need to expand the skate park because it is so heavily used. Discussions were also held regarding using park dedication funds and if the skate park was in a new location still within Bluebird Park if that was considered new to use those potential funds. Wood was not sure what the definition of new entailed in a situation such as ours.

Wood stated that she has seen some grants available for new skate parks.

There was discussion regarding the official closing of Vision Wake.

### **Isanti Indoor Arena**

Wood discussed signage getting people to know that there are bathrooms open to the public. Wood showed them an image of what she was thinking using the park logo. Wood also discussed the need to have a sign that stated there was a warming house and also a light switch because it is hard to know that there is one there if you're weren't already aware.

The Board had discussions on these items and agreed that the signs would be a good addition.

Discussion was also held regarding lighting from the South bluebird park lot following the trail to the facility. Wood stated that perhaps there could be a light added to the current light pole that would shine the other directions. Wood stated she would work with public works.

### **Unity Park**

Wood stated that the ball field had quite a few lights out that public works was working to get replaced.

The Board discussed possible usages of this park.

### **Mattson Park**

Wood stated that the nets were all replaced last Fall.

The Board discussed how the Mattson Park sign along with other park signs were quite faded.

## **5. Adjournment**

Board members, Zdon, Bergwick, True and Wood ended the Annual Park Tour.

Motion by Bergwick, second by True to adjourn the April 28, 2015 Annual Park Tour meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Josi Wood, Community Events and Parks Coordinator