

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
May 27, 2008
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Board Chair George Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner

D. Agenda Modifications

Wimmer questioned if there were modifications to the Agenda.

Krause stated no.

E. Approve Minutes from April 22, 2008 Meeting

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Annual Park Tour

Unity Park

Wimmer stated that he had not heard anything more from the Rodeo Association regarding the movement of the existing shelter.

Krause stated that staff had not either.

Wimmer stated that the Park Board had already held discussions with the Rodeo Association and approved the relocation of the shelter. Wimmer stated that if they chose to do so in the future, they could. Wimmer stated that the Rodeo Association would need to pay for the costs to have it moved.

Bluebird Park

Wimmer questioned if there was a policy for the use of the ice skating area in the summer months.

Krause stated that she was not aware of one.

Wimmer stated that there was graffiti on the picnic benches again and would need to be removed.

Krause stated that the Community Involvement Team may have some benches with planters available for placement in Bluebird Park. Krause stated that they were looking for approval and potential locations.

Zdon stated that there should be a bench near the tot equipment.

Wimmer stated that one should be placed on the north side of the equipment and one should be placed on the south side of the equipment.

Wimmer questioned where the identification sign was for Bluebird Park.

Krause stated that she had not been made aware that one existed.

Wimmer directed staff to look into this.

Wimmer questioned whether there was a sign placed at the beginning of the trail from the Third Avenue entrance, which restricted motorized vehicle. Wimmer stated that if there was not one there currently, one should be placed at that location.

Riverside Park

Board members discussed the potential location of a light within Riverside Park.

Zdon stated that they wanted to light up the park without annoying the neighbors.

Board members agreed that the light should be placed near the fenced area within the park.

Wimmer questioned the grass and could something be done about this. Wimmer stated that the area should either not be grass or the City should stop dumping snow in the area.

Mattson Park

Krause stated that the Park Build is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th. Krause stated that the project will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Wimmer stated that swings should be included in the upcoming budget request.

Martin's Landing

Wimmer provided a description of the area.

Wimmer stated that staff should contact the DNR to have the items that have been dumped in the area removed.

Krause stated that she would make a note to contact them.

Rum River Meadows

Wimmer questioned whether another tree planting could occur.

Krause stated that if the Board chose, a tree planting could be completed. Krause stated that staff would look into that option.

Wimmer felt that the grass should be in better condition, as the area is irrigated.

Whisper Ridge

Wimmer stated that there is graffiti on the courts that would need to be removed.

Property owners adjacent to the park indicated that the park was used; however, the walking area is used by snow mobiles and 4-wheelers as well.

Kennedy stated that posts should be placed at the entrance to the trails to circumvent motor vehicle riders from entering the park.

Property owners adjacent to the park also stated that cars/motorized recreational vehicles were coming down along the railroad tracks and getting in that way as well.

Wimmer stated that fencing should be provided along the tracks to ensure that cars and other motorized vehicles are not allowed in the park.

Krause stated that staff would look into the recommendation.

Isanti Tot Lot

Board members felt that the roof was not in need of repair at this time.

Kennedy felt that it could be replaced in a few years. Kennedy questioned if the roof was leaking.

Krause stated that Mr. Meyer had not indicated if the roof leaked; however, the shingles are blown around each year. Krause stated that Mr. Meyer would like to place tin/metal on the roof.

Wimmer stated that the roof should not be replaced at this time. Wimmer stated that it would be reviewed at a later date.

Wimmer stated that the empty lot adjacent to the park needs to have a nuisance notification letter. Wimmer stated that Ms. Krause should discuss with Ms. Vita, as she is aware of the situation.

Eagle Park

Board members felt that the area is not “park-like”.

Wimmer stated that the area is just a nice green space in a parking lot.

Wimmer questioned whether the money that would have been spent for the creation of a parking area east of City Hall could not be used in the Eagle Park area instead for parking. Wimmer stated that Ms. Krause should question Ms. Vita.

Board members agreed that the area would be better utilized as parking.

VFW Park

Wimmer stated that a garbage can was needed in the area.

Krause stated that she had made a note of that.

L. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti Minnesota, this 24th day of June 2008.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Krause, City Planner