

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2013
Legacy Park**

A. Call To Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Park Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Clell Bone (left at 5:15), Jennifer Garvey, Mayor Wimmer, and Aaron Zdon.

Members Absent: Jamie Bergwick (gave prior notice).

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director.

D. Agenda Modifications

Zdon questioned if there were any modifications to the agenda.

Wilson stated that she did not have any modifications for the Agenda.

Motion by Bone, second by Wimmer to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Approval of Minutes from April 23, 2013 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Zdon stated that the minutes from the April meeting have been included for approval.

Motion by Bone, second by Wimmer to approve the April 23, 2013 Park and Recreation Board meeting minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Adopt a Park Policy

Wilson outlined the staff memo and the policy that had been provided. Wilson stated that it follows what many communities are already doing throughout the metro area and beyond. Wilson questioned if the Board had comments or changes.

Wimmer stated that he would like to see each group renew their contract for the 2nd year.

Zdon stated that it currently reads that it is a two year commitment.

Wimmer stated that was fine, but the group representative should contact City staff to indicate that they want to continue with that second year. Wimmer stated that they do not need to re-apply, but need to verify that they will be continuing with the efforts the second year.

Board members agreed.

Wilson stated that she could make that change.

Motion by Bone, second by Wimmer to recommend approval of the Adopt-A-Park Policy with the changes as noted. Motion was unanimously approved.

G. Healthy Activity Grant 2013

Wilson presented the information that had been sent to her for the Healthy Activity Grant.

Wimmer explained the community outreach programs that are sponsored by Allina.

Garvey questioned if we had anything that we could use for the grant already in the works.

Wilson stated that she is not aware of anything. Wilson stated that in the past, the City had wanted to create a walking school bus, but there have always been a number of issues.

Wimmer explained the issues that the City has faced over the years trying to get this program going.

Garvey questioned if some of the signs that would be established within Legacy Park were to be mile markers so people would know how far they had walked.

Wimmer stated that the sign were to point out the natural flora and fauna in the area. Wimmer stated that it could be an idea though, if it is eligible. Wimmer stated that he was not sure that there was enough time for staff to get that information together.

Wilson stated that that deadline is approaching rapidly, as it is June 14th.

Zdon questioned if City staff had time to work on the grant.

Wilson stated that she has quite a plate full, but if she is directed to apply for the grant, she would do so.

Wimmer stated that Mrs. Wilson has a lot of projects that have been to her office. Wimmer stated that he is not sure City staff will have the time to devote to the grant.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Garvey to recommend that the Healthy Activity Grant be submitted keeping in mind the sign project for Legacy Park; however, submittal will be based upon City's staff discretion and their ability to complete the background work to submit the application. Motion was unanimously approved.

H. Tobacco Free Park Policy

Wilson introduced the item. Wilson stated that she was looking for comments regarding this item from the Board.

Garvey questioned if the City has ever been approached by the Tobacco Free Group.

Wilson responded no.

Garvey stated that they passed a policy for a beach in Minnetonka, but none of the other parks are tobacco free. Garvey stated that there are issues with enforcement. Garvey stated that it is a nice policy, but there are no teeth given that it is not an ordinance. Garvey stated that it is difficult to get the word out there.

Wimmer stated that for him, if there are no teeth, then there is not point to do it. Wimmer stated that he has concerns with it just being a policy.

Zdon stated that there was someone at the Family Fun Fest smoking in the shelter around all of the kids.

Wimmer stated that it may need to be signed in just the play areas, if they are going to do it. Wimmer stated that he would not object kicking it to the Council to see what their feelings are on this item. Wimmer stated that it could be done as a policy, not an ordinance; and would be limited to shelters and play areas.

Motion by Garvey, second by Wimmer to recommend that a policy be established to have tobacco free areas (play areas/shelters) within City parks. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Walk Thru Legacy Park

1. Rest Area/Overlook Identification

2. Naming Contest Submittals for Legacy Park Overlook Areas

3. Legacy Park Signs

Wimmer stated that the City needed to contact the bank representative to have them locate a no trespassing sign in an area, as people are pulling through bank property to get to the park, rather than following the roadway.

Wilson stated that she would contact Mr. Schultze.

Park Board members walked through the park to identify a couple of overlook and rest areas within the park.

Park Board members identified five areas with the following names/amenities to be provided:

1. Fredlig Vattan Overlook (Peaceful Water) – Bench
2. Nature View Point – Bench
3. Tranquility Crossings – Table
4. Brookside ? – Table
5. Sunnyside? - Table

Wimmer stated that he would work with City staff on the endings for the identified Brookside and Sunnyside names.

Garvey and Wilson stated that there were a few stairs that seemed to be coming loose and should probably be checked on. Wilson stated that she would ask Public Works to take a look at them.

Wimmer stated that there are kids that are climbing the rocks and jumping to the brook. Wimmer stated that some sort of sign should be provided so as to keep people from doing this.

Garvey questioned if we knew of other communities that had this type of natural feature; and if so, do they sign those areas.

Wimmer stated that he did not know of any. Wimmer stated that the sign should state that they should keep off the rocks, etc.

Garvey stated that it could read that for their safety, to stay off the rocks.

Wimmer agreed.

Zdon stated that it could be posted by the sign stating there are no bikes at the beginning of the trail.

Wilson stated that she would look into that.

J. Updates

Wilson updated the group on a number of items that are related to park and recreation facilities and events.

K. Adjournment

Motion by Wimmer, second by Garvey to adjourn the May 28, 2013 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 5:47 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 25th day of June 2013.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director