

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes of
July 22, 2008
Isanti City Hall**

A. Call To Order

Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Aaron Zdon

Staff Present: Lisa Krause, City Planner and Rita Pierce, Finance Director

D. Agenda Modifications

Wimmer questioned if there were modifications to the Agenda.

Krause stated no.

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to approve the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

E. Approve Minutes from June 24, 2008 Meeting

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

F. 2009 Preliminary Park Budget

Krause presented the staff memo.

Wimmer provided further clarification on the potential cost overruns that could occur with the construction of both the Pedestrian Bridge and the Cambridge-Isanti Bike/Walk Trail. Wimmer stated that staff had been meeting with the County, the City of Cambridge, and representatives of the bike/walk committee to discuss the trail project.

Wimmer stated that the City of Cambridge and the City of Isanti would be responsible for cost overruns associated with the project. Wimmer also stated that the two cities would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the trail. Wimmer stated that those costs would need to be budgeted for as well and would need to come out of the general fund.

Pierce presented the parks capital replacement fund and schedule that staff had been working on. Pierce indicated that the schedule was not complete at this time, but what is being presented would

give the Board members some idea as to how much money needs to be put aside each year for the replacement of park equipment.

Wimmer stated that while new equipment for new parks can come from the Park Dedication Fund, any replacement items would come from the general budget. Wimmer questioned whether any of the other members had questions or comments for Ms. Pierce.

Pierce stated that staff would continue to work on this project. Pierce stated that a final schedule would be completed within the next couple of months.

G. Discussion: Designing of a City Flag

Wimmer stated that he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Wimmer stated that there is a flag pole in front of city hall, which was to display a “city flag”. Wimmer questioned whether the Board wanted to design the flag themselves or if they would want to run a contest through the school.

Kennedy stated that the flag should be designed by students.

Wimmer stated that the city logo and some parameters should be in place for the contest.

Parker agreed that a contest for the students would be best, providing parameters were in place for the content of the flag.

Bone also agreed.

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to run a city flag designing contest through the schools with parameters on what should be displayed on the flag while allowing for creativity. Mayor Wimmer and Ms. Krause are to work with the schools on the project. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Bluebird Park Sign

Krause presented the staff report and sign options.

Wimmer stated that Bluebird Park was different than the other parks within the City. Wimmer stated that he did not want to see a very large sign blocking views or areas within the park. Wimmer stated that Bluebird is open and has become the park for kite flying and organized field games. Wimmer did not want a sign to inhibit this type of activity.

Parker stated that she agreed and felt that the smaller signs may be the most appropriate.

Kennedy stated that two (2) smaller signs could be located at each entrance and if that did not work in the future, additional signs could be added to the park.

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to recommend that two (2) small signs as shown on the sign drawings be ordered and placed at the entrances to the park from First Avenue and Isanti Parkway. Motion was unanimously approved.

I. Mayor's Great Yard Award

Wimmer questioned the Board as to which yards were their favorites for this month.

Board members reviewed the photos provided.

Kennedy stated that she felt the following yards should be nominated for the month of July:

First Place:	1006 Wentlock Court NW
Second Place:	1108 Blossom Boulevard NW
Third Place:	1115 Rum River Drive SW

Kennedy and Bone agreed with the choices.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Parker to recommend the addresses as presented to the Mayor for the Mayor's Great Yard Award for the month of July. Motion was unanimously approved.

J. Adjournment

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated at Isanti Minnesota, this 26th day of August 2008.

Respectively Submitted,

Lisa Krause, City Planner