

CITY OF ISANTI

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2022

1. Call to Order: Zach Gahm called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present: Dan, Hinnenkamp, Zach Gahm, Vaughn Ihrke, Madisson Masucci, Mayor Jeff Johnson Staff Present: Jordan Clementson, Parks, Recreation & Events Coordinator

Agenda/Modifications: None.

2. Meeting Minutes: Motion by Hinnenkamp; second by Masucci to approve meeting Minutes from June 28, 2022. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Request to Donate a Doggie Stick Library for Dog Park: A citizen wanted to donate a Doggie Stick Library; a 2'x 8' sheet of vinyl coated plywood with hooks for people to hang sticks and other toys for dogs to use at the dog park. Park Board members were supportive of the idea and suggested removal of the board during the winter months to preserve the board. Also suggested mounting it off of the ground so it was easy for public works to mow and trim around. Motion to recommend to Council to accept the donation was made by Hinnenkamp and second by Johnson. Motion passed 4-0

4. Bench Donation Program: Update by Clementson was given on the bench donation program. Staff were researching how to implement the program, but it was discovered there was already a policy on the books regarding bench donations. It was suggested that staff take inventory of benches at parks to see where we might need to replace or add some to let people know where we could use them.

5. Department Updates: Clementson discussed upcoming Summer Family Series events scheduled for the Bluebird Amphitheater. This evening was the first scheduled event and it was moved indoors to the Community Center due to weather.

A recap of the fireworks and Splash Summer Bash were given. Both events were successful and had great attendance.

Discussion took place over the July 16th Street Dance that was cut short due to the band calling it quits over weather. It was recommended to not bring that particular band back for future gigs.

The archery range is starting to take shape. It is anticipated to open in September. There is a lot of good buzz about this project on facebook.

Prairie Fire Theater is booked for two separate one-week camps next summer for local kids to register for. At the end of the camp there will be a public performance of each play. The plays will be Tom Sawyer and Alice in Wonderland.

Rum River BMX is now in control of the public restrooms and warming house area on the southside of the BMX Facility.

Staff are continuing to work on Illuminate Isanti.

6. Open Discussion: Hinnenkamp requested trash cans be placed at the dog park. Hinnenkamp had citizen reach out to him with a request for the tennis courts at Mattson Park to be leaf blown or swept off to remove the pine needles and other debris that falls onto the courts from the trees.

Hinnenkamp and Johnson both mentioned that the portable restrooms in some of the parks need to be serviced more frequently.

Gahm asked if city staff knew why there were two long breaks in the middle of the Jubilee Days Parade. Clementson was unaware of the reason, but mentioned the Chamber had an upcoming Jubilee Days recap meeting scheduled with various city staff.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Hinnenkamp, second by Johnson to adjourn the July 26, 2022 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion passed 4-0, meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jordan Clementson

Parks, Recreation & Events Coordinator