

**City of Isanti  
Park & Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes of  
July 28, 2009  
Isanti City Hall**

**A. Call To Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**C. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Bridgette Parker, and Aaron Zdon

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lisa Krause, City Planner

**D. Agenda Modifications**

None.

**E. Approve Minutes from the June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Meeting**

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to approve the Minutes from June 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

**F. Frisbee Order**

Krause presented the staff memo and the options that had been provided by Ms. Bray. Krause stated that the shipping costs were estimated, given that the number and weight of the items will determine the price.

Wimmer stated that the flyers would be paid for from the EDA Marketing budget. Wimmer stated that the flyers would also have the Park and Recreation logo on them.

Krause stated that staff would forward that to Ms. Bray.

Wimmer questioned if anyone had a suggestion. Wimmer stated that the flyers are given out to groups that come in to City Hall. Wimmer stated that they are used as a souvenir to groups such as the daycares, boy scouts or cub scouts.

Bone stated that the flyers were a good PR tool.

Wimmer questioned what the City currently has.

Krause stated that the City would appear to have the 9 inch plastic flyer.

Bone stated that a bright color should be used.

Wimmer questioned if the Board wanted to see a 10" or a 9" or a mini flyer.

Bone stated that a 9 inch would work.

Zdon stated that the smaller flyers do not fly very well and tend to break easily. Zdon stated that 250 should be sufficient.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend selection of the 9" regular plastic in the quantity of 250, in the color blue with the Park and Recreation logo. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **G. Park Trees Discussion**

Krause outlined the staff memo. Krause stated that staff was looking for direction from the Park Board as to whether they would like to see larger trees planted. Krause stated that staff could complete a cost – benefit analysis and bring that back to the Board, if they so choose.

Wimmer stated that we had lost three trees previously from natural causes. Wimmer stated that would have to lose 8-9 trees or more, in order to come out of ahead.

Kennedy questioned if they could be staked.

Wimmer stated that the kids could still snap them off.

Zdon stated that the kids would probably take the stakes as well.

Wimmer stated that once he saw the numbers, he did not feel that it would be cost effective to go to the bigger trees yet.

Kennedy stated that the City should stay with the bare root for now.

Zdon stated that now that the Police are aware of the issue, they can keep an eye on the parks better as well.

Parker, Zdon, Bone, and Wimmer agreed to stay with the bare root trees at this time.

#### **H. Mayor's Great Yard Award**

Park Board reviewed the addresses that have been nominated.

Wimmer stated that he had not received a second place funder at this time. Wimmer stated that he received a last minute anonymous donor for second place last time.

Wimmer stated that the Park Board had some options when it came to the funding of the yards. Wimmer stated the options, if no funding for 2<sup>nd</sup> place would be the following: (1) that the Board could pick just two, (2) select three but do not fund second place, or (3) select three but not fund the third place. Wimmer stated that Landmark funds the first place and Northland funds the third place.

Zdon stated that he would fund the second place for the next two months. Zdon stated that it was money well spent.

Wimmer stated that Zdon would need to abstain from voting.

Zdon stated that he would abstain.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Bone to recommend 908 Rum River Drive SW for first place, 100 County Road 5 NW for second place, and 904 Bellaire Boulevard NW for third place. Motion was approved (4 – 0 - 1). Zdon abstained from voting.

**I. Special Event Policy**

Krause presented the ordinance. Krause stated that changes would be made to the special event form to add the Zoning Administrator as a staff review item.

Bone stated that the policy was very thorough.

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to recommend approval of the policy with the changes as stated by staff. Motion was unanimously approved.

**J. Park Inventory**

Krause presented the park inventory as requested by the Board at the previous meeting.

Bone stated that the inventory would be very helpful moving forward.

Zdon stated that the mom's do not like the Toucan at the Rum River Meadows Park. Zdon stated that the beak hits the kids. Zdon stated that there are surf board spring creatures that have lower springs, which are harder to break.

**K. Wickstrom Home Information**

Krause presented the staff memo.

Bone stated that the house was a summer kitchen. Bone stated that no one has lived in the home since the 1970's.

Wimmer stated that the Arts and Culture Committee had been created. Wimmer stated that the group would be tasked with looking at the future use of the building. Wimmer stated that the Council would ultimately be given the opportunity to make the final decision. Wimmer stated that the new committee's recommendations may be helpful.

**L. Rate Structures from Other Communities for Field Usage**

Krause outlined the staff memo and the various rates charged in other communities. Krause stated that staff was looking for direction from the Board.

Wimmer stated that this would be something that would affect numerous fields some day. Wimmer stated that there should be something in place, especially for non-residents. Wimmer stated that a list of who is using the Unity Park field and how often they are using the field. Wimmer stated that

the list should be brought back to the board so they can judge what the impact would be to the various groups.

**M. Basketball Court Striping – Mattson Park**

Krause presented the staff memo. Krause stated that the Mattson Park court is not striped.

Bone did not feel that the striping would affect the use either way, as the court is heavily used already without the striping.

Zdon stated that this could be cost effective.

Wimmer questioned if Bone felt it should not be striped.

Bone stated that the court would still be used and the funds could be used elsewhere.

Wimmer questioned Reller as to whether he felt the court should be striped.

Reller stated that it would be nice if it were striped.

Zdon questioned if Mattson would need less striping.

Krause stated that there is no striping on the court, so it would be the same as what is needed in Bluebird Park.

Motion by Zdon, second by Parker to recommend that Mattson Park be striped at the same time as Bluebird, but to check the cost first to see if there would be cost break for doing both at the same time. Motion was unanimously approved.

**N. Spring Creatures – Cost Estimates**

Krause outlined the staff memo.

Wimmer stated that the cost of the surf board option that was previously discussed be brought back for review as well.

Zdon stated that he would check with his wife to see if she can narrow down the company that piece in question may have been from.

Wimmer stated that he had an announcement. Wimmer stated that BMX had nationals at the facility and they will be hosting the state tournament as well.

Zdon stated that there were more people in attendance this year than the previous year. Zdon stated that the welcome bags were a big hit and the businesses were busy. Zdon stated that the group did earn the state finals in August.

Wimmer stated that the BMX Association would be running the state tournament and would be receiving the funds for hosting the event. Wimmer stated that the group is doing an amazing job.

Zdon stated that the group would be bidding for the events next year as well.

Bone stated that Rendez-Vous should be recognized for their work outside their building.

Wimmer stated that the City is looking at coming up with some kind of quarterly award for businesses that do these types of improvements.

**O. Adjournment**

Motion by Bone, second by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

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Lisa Krause, City Planner / Parks Coordinator