

**CITY OF ISANTI
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2015**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Zdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present: Jamie Bergwick (arrived at 6:05), Jennifer Garvey, Mayor Wimmer, Lynn True and Aaron Zdon.

Members Absent: Maddie Anderson (gave prior notice)

Staff Present: Josi Wood, Public Services Director

D. Agenda Modifications.

Zdon asked if there were any.

There were none. Motion to approve the agenda by Wimmer. Second by Garvey. Vote was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2015 Park, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting.

Motion by Wimmer. Second by True. Vote was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing

None.

4. 38-acre Park Parcel Update

Wood stated that the final draft of the feasibility report is ready to be sent to the Commissioner with modifications made from the DNR; if no one had any changes to be made, it would be sent off.

Wimmer stated that we would be working with the DNR to have the community garden put in next Spring and other features would be on a 3-5year plan depending on how things develop and funding. Wimmer stated we would like to get the community garden aspect up and running as soon as possible since that is what drove the whole project in the first place.

Garvey stated just one change which is under the foot bridge section and that it should read the Middle school instead of Intermediate school.

True asked if the community garden included the water being out there.

Wimmer stated yes, that there would be a water line run out for temporary water until it can permanently be placed out there.

There was discussion on the specifics of the community garden details.

5. PRC Subcommittee Report

Wimmer stated that we wanted to make sure that the two members start working on that.

Zdon stated they would have something next month.

Wimmer stated he was contacted today regarding Mattson Park and that two individuals have come today to speak to their concern.

Julie Miller, 208 5th Ave NW, Isanti, approached the podium and stated that she lives across from Mattson Park and there are concerns about drugs being dealt from the park and kids and young adults hanging out at the park. Ms. Miller stated about a week and a half ago there was a foot hanging out of her laundry room from the young adult that “lives” in Mattson. She called the police twice to get them to come out. She then found prescription pills in the laundry room.

Ms. Miller gave detailed information of activity that occurs at Mattson Park that prohibits her daughter and others from playing at the park and that she is concerned of hers and other neighbor’s safety. She would like something to be done if possible.

Wimmer stated that he will be meeting with the Chief tomorrow. He also stated that if you are not getting a response from the police to please let him know. Wimmer stated that he and Council have agreed that we need better policing of our parks. He stated that unless there is a more pressing issue, the Police need to be responding better and he will be addressing that issue.

There was more discussion on the activity that occurs day and night regularly by the young adults.

Wimmer stated he will have the Chief contact Ms. Miller to speak on the issues and what can be done.

Wimmer stated that he will be discussing equipment with staff, such as the swing, based on an event that has recently happened. We will then bring it back to the park board.

True had a question regarding the striping at the soccer complex. True asked if there had been a difference.

Zdon stated that there were little people crossing markers that someone put out that seems like it has made a difference.

Wimmer stated that that was from the soccer complex and that they were making an earnest effort to make it better and safer and do everything that they can.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Wimmer, second by Garvey to adjourn the July 28, 2015 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 28th day of July 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Josi Wood, Community Events and Parks Coordinator