

**City of Isanti  
Park & Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2010  
Isanti City Hall**

**A. Call To Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Park Board members rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Wimmer, Clell Bone, Yvonne Kennedy, Keith Koehler, Bridgette Parker, Student Representative Chloe Sunde, and Aaron Zdon

**Members Absent:** None

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

**D. Appointment of Student Representative**

Wimmer introduced Ms. Chloe Sunde as the student representative appointed by the City Council to the Board. Wimmer stated that Ms. Sunde's letter of interest had also been provided.

Board members welcomed Ms. Sunde to the Park Board.

**E. Agenda Modifications**

Wimmer questioned if there were any modifications to the agenda.

Krause stated that there were none.

Motion by Bone, second by Zdon to adopt the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Park and Recreation Board Agenda. Motion was unanimously approved.

**E. Approve Minutes from the July 27, 2010 Park Board Meetings**

Wimmer questioned if there were any changes to the minutes.

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to approve the meeting minutes from July 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion was unanimously approved.

**G. Emerald Ash Borer – Community Preparedness Plan**

Krause presented the staff memo. Krause outlined the reasons for establishing such a plan.

Wimmer questioned if anyone on the Board had comments or questions.

Koehler questioned if the City currently had a licensed tree inspector as an employee.

Krause stated that the City does not have a licensed tree inspector.

Koehler stated that would be a good start.

Krause stated that the City needs to determine a number of things, to include the process for reviewing a compliant, the process for the tree's removal (if necessary), licensing of tree companies, information to help residents, etc. Krause stated that having an action plan in place is a necessity.

Wimmer questioned if Mr. Klocksien was still doing work for the County. Wimmer stated that the position was eliminated and then, the County thought about putting it back in.

Krause stated that she was not aware.

Koehler stated that becoming licensed is a fairly simple and inexpensive process. Koehler stated that a licensed tree inspector would know the process and the contacts.

Zdon questioned if Mr. Klocksien could be brought into the next meeting to discuss the item with the Board.

Kennedy questioned what some of the signs were for an infected tree.

Krause stated that there are a number of signs. Krause stated that the tree begins to die from the top down. Krause stated that there are also "D" shaped exit marks on the bark of the tree where the larvae go in and out. Krause stated that when the bark is pulled off of the tree, there are lines within the tree that show where the larvae have been living and feeding.

Kennedy questioned if there were other outward signs.

Krause stated that there is usually branching towards the bottom of the tree. Krause stated that it can be difficult to determine these symptoms associated with Ash Borer from some other types of tree diseases. Krause questioned if Mr. Koehler had anything to add, as he has some experience in this area.

Koehler stated that where he works the Public Works Director is a licensed tree inspector. Koehler stated that they get a few calls a week for Oak Wilt issues. Koehler stated that the cost to maintain the tree inspector certification is minimal. Koehler stated that the City should have an individual that is on staff to help, as it is good for the residents.

Kennedy stated that she has a tree that she is worried about.

Koehler stated that they were a cheap, fast growing tree. Koehler stated that they have been planted throughout the community. Koehler stated that cities are sending Ash trees to Elk River landfill. Koehler stated that it is kind of getting careless on where these trees are going, so the bugs could be spread around. Koehler stated that to date, it seems to be contained in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

Zdon questioned if the Board wanted to bring Mr. Klocksien.

Wimmer stated that they should probably bring them in to discuss the issue with the Park Board. Wimmer stated that Mr. Kytonen would also be a good source. Wimmer stated that both parties have stated that they would be willing to discuss tree issues with the Board.

Motion by Zdon, second Parker to invite Sam Klocksien and Kameron Kytonen to the next Park Board meeting to further discuss the Emerald Ash Borer issue. Motion was unanimously approved.

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

Wimmer questioned if there were any nominations for the August Great Yard Award winners.

Parker questioned if Mrs. Kennedy had any specific selections for the list.

Kennedy stated that for first place, she would nominate 1203 Rum River Drive SW; for second place, 914 Bellaire Boulevard NW; and for third place, 903 Winsome Way NE.

Zdon questioned if Ms. Kennedy had the opportunity to review each of the nominees in the field.

Kennedy stated that she had.

Motion by Parker, second by Zdon to recommend awarding 1203 Rum River Drive SW for first place, 914 Bellaire Boulevard NW for second place, and 903 Winsome Way NE for third place for the August 2010 Mayor's Great Yard Award. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **I. Updates**

Krause stated that the Pre-Construction meeting was held for the bike-walk trail project. Krause stated that a number of items were discussed. Krause stated that a tentative time line was distributed at the meeting. Krause stated that the group is looking to beginning with clearing/grubbing of the site just after Labor Day. Krause stated that the tentative completion date is shown to be June 22, 2010.

Wimmer stated that the Rum River BMX Association would be hosting the State Finals this weekend.

#### **J. Adjournment**

Motion by Bone, second by Parker to adjourn the August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Park and Recreation Board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 5:17 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.

Respectively submitted,

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Lisa M. Wilson, AICP  
City Planner / Parks Coordinator