

**City of Isanti  
Park & Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes of  
August 25, 2009  
Isanti City Hall**

**A. Call To Order**

Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**C. Roll Call**

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

**Members Absent:** Clell Bone

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

**D. Agenda Modifications**

Krause stated that there were none.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Parker to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**E. Approve Minutes from the July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting**

Motion by Zdon, second by Kennedy to approve the Minutes from the July 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

**F. Mayor's Great Yard Award**

Board members reviewed and discussed the various yards that had been nominated.

Motion by Parker, second by Kennedy to recommend 903 Third Avenue SW for first place, 507 Cottonwood Street SW for second place, and 1215 Blossom Boulevard NW for third place. Motion was unanimously approved.

**G. Unity Park Field Usage**

Krause presented the staff memo. Krause requested direction from the Park Board on this item.

Zdon stated that the rate structure should be simple and should not look like the City of Anoka. Zdon stated that it was too complicated.

Wimmer stated that it looked as if we are one of the only communities that do not charge. Wimmer questioned if the Elk River example would be sufficient.

Board members agreed.

Wimmer stated that staff should prepare a draft policy, using Elk River as an example and bring that item back to the Park Board at the next meeting.

#### **H. Spring Creatures – Cost Estimates**

Krause presented the information presented in the staff memo.

Wimmer stated that the surf boards and skate boards were more expensive than he had anticipated. Wimmer stated that he thought they would be less, as they were metal boards.

Zdon questioned if the spring system for these spring items would match what we currently have.

Krause stated that she was unsure.

Zdon questioned if there were any missing now.

Wimmer stated that there are not.

Zdon stated that the Clifford had been replaced and that there was a different type of spring. Zdon stated that this spring seemed more stable.

Wimmer stated that the City could look at the boards as an option in the future, if an existing creature were to need replacement or when the City would build a new park.

Board members agreed.

#### **I. Bike / Walk Trail Amenities**

Krause outlined the staff memo and posed the various questions to the Board. Krause questioned where the benches should be located. Krause questioned if they should be located at the beginning and ending of the City's segment.

Wimmer stated that there were bump-outs planned in various places along the trail. Wimmer stated that the bump-out areas would be the only areas with enough easement area for the benches.

Zdon stated that they should be placed in the middle and evenly spaced out in the bump-outs.

Krause questioned the design of the signs.

Wimmer stated that the signs should be similar in color and design to what is currently throughout the park system. Wimmer stated that the signs should be two-sided with a Welcome to Isanti on one side and a Thank you for visiting our City on the flip side. Wimmer stated that the Park Logo should be included.

Krause questioned if the Board would be interested in a kiosk.

Wimmer questioned the kiosk.

Krause stated that places like Minneapolis have these near their trails with maps on them.

Zdon stated that they are usually three-sided. Zdon stated that this might be expensive.

Wimmer stated that a post with a map of Isanti, showing key features could be placed near the beginning of the Isanti portion. Wimmer stated that something similar to the sign structure used for the historical signs within the downtown could be looked at.

Board members agreed.

Wimmer stated that the item would be brought back to the next meeting for further review.

#### **J. Updates**

Krause stated that the BMX Association would be completing some minor grading work on the property. Krause stated this project is an extension of the project that was completed last summer.

Zdon stated that the BMX Association had done some minor grading near the fence area last summer due to drainage issues. Zdon stated that there are still some drainage issues, so the group will be completing a project for the opposite side of the fence to aid in draining the water from the property.

Krause stated that the work does not require a CUP or formal review by the City. Krause stated that the group would be working with Mr. DeWolf, as they had for the previous project.

Krause stated that upon design of the bike/walk trail, in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue improvements, it was found that the Soccer Complex Sign was located in the right-of-way. The trail would be placed so as to go around the sign. Krause stated that the City Engineer had confirmed that there is room within the right-of-way to do so.

#### **K. Adjournment**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2009.

Respectively Submitted,

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Lisa Krause, City Planner / Parks Coordinator