

**CITY OF ISANTI
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2015**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Garvey 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, Jennifer Garvey, Mayor Wimmer, and Lynn True

Members Absent: Maddie Anderson and Aaron Zdon (both gave prior notice)

Staff Present: Josi Wood, Public Services Director

D. Agenda Modifications.

Garvey asked if there were any.

There were none.

2. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2015 Park, Recreation and Culture Board Meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda and minutes by Bergwick. Second by True. Vote was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing

None.

4. PRC Subcommittee Updated Report with Staff Comments and Costs

Wood stated that Zdon and True had gone through their preliminary list and then Wood stated she had inserted some comments, shown in italics, and costs where known. Wood stated some costs she didn't know due to variables such as signs. Wood asked if the Board wanted to go through them or ask any questions.

Wimmer stated once we have the dollar figures and prioritization we can take a look at what we can fund, then the Board will have to make a recommendation. One item may be \$15,000 or should we do many items for that \$15,000. The Board will need to prioritize and look at carryover from one year to another, and then chunk together those items. Wimmer stated we will want to look at anything structural such as Whisper ridge and turning it all into a basketball court and for lack of a better word, policies to make such changes as we go through the list.

Garvey asked if this was something we would sit and hammer out at a meeting as to what was the priority.

Wimmer stated his recommendation to the Board would be to pick a meeting before December to go through. It may take half an hour so everyone should be prepared to discuss. We've had the items in the packet for a couple months. Wimmer asked Wood if she could get cost or estimates for items that were not in there.

Garvey stated we typically do not have a meeting in December right. So we have October and November.

Wood and Wimmer stated correct.

Wimmer stated he would like to get it worked out before the final budget and levy the first meeting in December so by the last week in November.

Wood stated that she would like to pick apart the list and pull out maintenance items that we already have funding for in our grounds maintenance such as wood fiber.

Bergwick stated that a lot of the items look like maintenance items.

Wood stated not all but many of the items have funding that fall under regular maintenance.

Garvey stated it would be helpful to have those items outlined that public works can do under their budget. It then would be easier to prioritize the list.

Wood stated yes, she could separate the list into two categories.

Garvey stated she would leave it up to Wood as to when she could do that by either of the next two meetings.

True stated she would like to suggest if possible that it be done by the October meeting so it could be further discussed in November if items spill over.

Wood asked about the items that have variables and whether the Board would like an average or range.

Garvey asked of cost.

Wood stated yes. For example there are a variety of benches and would the Board like to have her find benches similar to what is already there or give a range.

Garvey stated range. Wimmer agreed.

True agreed and stated to also include additional information that would be helpful in making a decision.

True stated that she did notice under maint. and repairs that there was no cost associated with the bench ends.

Wood stated she had not got the cost on that yet.

True stated that she has seen that end in a plastic form along with aluminum so that may provide additional information.

Garvey asked Wood if that was enough information for her to go off of.

True stated thank you for the additional information to be compliant and that it was helpful.

Wood stated that she did recommend that we replace the sand with wood fiber next year to meet the compliance impact resistance standard.

5. 38-acre Update

Wood stated that you can see in your packet that we did get the official letter of approval back from Commissioner, Landwehr, on our proposed plan for the 38-acre parcel. The only item that was in question would be if we expand the community garden beyond the 100' x 200'. Wood believed this to be because they want to verify that we are still within the agriculture area.

Wood stated Katie, our new part time community events and parks coordinator, will be working to put costs together to have the community garden operating for Spring 2016.

True asked if we were working with Master Gardeners.

Wood stated that she had been in contact with them prior to Les leaving.

More discussions about the Isanti County Master Gardeners involvement occurred.

Wimmer shared that the school, MN Center and SFAS, and that they were interested in some work with the garden. He asked them to put together what they were hoping to do. Wimmer shared a little of what the Cedar Creek school was doing.

Wimmer stated that he spoke with Staff about the best ways to market and find out who is interested in having a plot. He spoke about wanting to have a backup plan if not all the plots are going to be used.

Garvey asked how many plots we would have.

Wood stated if they were all 10' x 10' we would have about 20 depending if each person only wanted one plot.

More discussion occurred regarding the specifics of the Cambridge community garden and also the one that Garvey oversees.

Garvey and the others shared information on reaching out to local groups to get involved and to get the word out.

Wimmer stated he wanted to mention what went public today which was the Isanti Medical Center that Allina is going to be opening in Isanti. He stated he wanted to bring it up to this Board because during his discussions with Allina their foundation wants to be active in the community. He said they want to start looking into things to benefit the community within three to six months of opening. We will watch to make sure we look for opportunities.

There was more discussion on details of the Isanti Medical Center.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Bergwick, second by True to adjourn the September 22, 2015 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 22nd day of September 2015.
Respectfully submitted,

Josi Wood, Public Services Director