

**City of Isanti
Park & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2012
Legacy Park**

A. Call To Order

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Park Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Clell Bone, Jennifer Garvey, Kimberly Horst, Aaron Zdon, and Chloe Sunde (student representative).

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lisa Wilson, Planning and Parks Director, AICP; Sean Sullivan, Economic Development Director; and Brad DeWolf, City Engineer.

D. Agenda Modifications

Horst questioned if there were any modifications to the Agenda.

Wilson stated that there were none.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Zdon to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Horst requested a motion regarding the minutes.

Motion by Wimmer, second by Zdon to approve the August 28, 2012 Park and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Unity Field Discussion

Ryan O'Donovan was present on behalf of Cambridge-Isanti Competitive Baseball.

O'Donovan stated that CICB wanted to work with other groups on scheduling for the field.

Wimmer questioned if Faith Lutheran picked one night and locked that night in, if that would be an issue. Wimmer questioned if anyone from Faith Lutheran was present yet.

Bone stated no. Bone stated that he did have some idea of what they would be looking for in terms of dates.

O'Donovan questioned which night they typically need.

Wimmer stated that he thought it was Tuesday or Wednesday.

Bone stated that he thought it was Tuesday evenings.

Wimmer stated that they could leave two nights open, both Tuesday and Wednesday, this would leave an extra day for other groups.

O'Donovan agreed that would be a good idea. O'Donovan stated that they do not want to reserve a date and then not use the field.

Park Board members and Mr. O'Donovan agreed to leaving two days a week open for Faith Lutheran and any other groups looking to reserve the facility.

G. Update on Horses on the Bike-Walk Trail

Horst stated that the memo indicates that there have not been any further complaints regarding this item.

Wilson stated that the only issue that City staff had received information regarding was the removal of bolts on the bridge portion of the trail. Wilson stated that those had been replaced with lock nuts.

H. Review/Walk Legacy Park Trail

Wimmer showed the entrance to the park. Wimmer stated that the area would be surrounded by residential homes in the future. Wimmer explained that the trail is comprised of crushed limestone and dirt paths. Wimmer stated that the dirt paths would be dormant seeded in late October.

O'Donovan questioned how many miles the trail was in total.

Wimmer stated that they would be getting that information. Wimmer stated that the opening would be on Tuesday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m. on the bridge.

Gravey questioned if the final layer of limestone had been placed.

Wimmer stated yes. Wimmer stated that it is 2.5" thick.

Garvey questioned if the City has Eagle Scouts do projects within the parks.

Wimmer stated yes. Wimmer stated that there may be opportunities in the park for these types of projects.

Garvey questioned if signs would be placed to identify the areas in which artifacts were found.

Wimmer stated that there could be signs. Wimmer stated that would be part of the Isanti History Project that staff would be undertaking. Wimmer stated that the downed logs could be used as natural seating areas. Wimmer stated that tables and benches may need to be added. Wimmer pointed out and questioned an existing trail. Wimmer explained that where it comes out is on land not owned by the City. Wimmer stated that it does take an individual towards the Rum River. Wimmer stated that the middle area that the trail crosses does flood. Wimmer stated that the question is whether or not the City wants to promote that segment.

Garvey questioned how other communities have dealt with man-made paths.

Wimmer stated that staff has not looked into that yet.

Garvey thought signage showing what is the City's and what is private property would be a must.

Horst and Wimmer both agreed.

Garvey stated that she noticed the trail, but did not take it on her previous walk through the area. Garvey stated that she questioned liability for the City with the potential flooding of the area. Garvey stated that is the view of the Rum River that people are probably looking for, but some questions need to be answered first.

Sunde stated that the signs could provide a warning of potential flooding during specific times.

Wimmer stated that City staff will review the item.

Garvey questioned if limestone would wash.

DeWolf stated that the limestone should compact.

Kim Olsen and Pastor Cliff Hanson joined the Park Board on the trail.

Wimmer questioned which days the Faith Lutheran Church League group needed to use the field.

Olsen stated that they need it on Tuesdays.

Wimmer stated that they would still need to file the appropriate paperwork and make application through Mrs. Wilson.

Pastor Hanson questioned when the trail had begun construction.

Wimmer provided a history of the trail.

Horst questioned if you could ski the area.

Zdon stated that you could probably cross country ski.

Wimmer questioned placing seating in the dead end area.

Horst stated that you could have weddings and events in the park.

Wimmer agreed.

Park Board members agreed that staff did a good job.

DeWolf provided history on the construction of the culverts. DeWolf stated that the size constructed was needed to obtain certain velocities for particular fish species.

Wimmer stated that City staff had a punch list that was created earlier that day.

DeWolf stated that all clean-up would be completed by the ribbon cutting next Tuesday. DeWolf stated that the seeding would not be completed until late October. DeWolf stated that dormant seeding would be necessary.

I. Updates

Horst stated that she had spoken with two teachers that would like to be involved in the identifying/signing of species within Legacy Park. Horst stated that they could not complete the project until the spring, as this would be something that typically is not completed until the fall. Horst stated that the teachers had also requested the assistance of Mr. Klocksien.

Wilson stated that she would contact Mr. Klocksien regarding the project and obtain a revised estimate for his assistance.

J. Adjournment

Motion by Zdon, second by Wimmer to adjourn the September 25, 2012 Park and Recreation Board meeting.
Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 5:50 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 23rd day of October 2012.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa M. Wilson, AICP
Planning and Parks Director