

**CITY OF ISANTI
PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2019
City Council Chambers**

1. Meeting Opening.

A. Call to Order.

Zdon called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call.

Members Present: James Witte, Aaron Zdon, and Mayor Johnson

Staff Present: Jennifer Garvey, Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager

D. Agenda Modifications.

Zdon asked if there were any agenda modifications, there were none. Motion by Johnson, second by Witte to approve the agenda for the July 23, 2019 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2019 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board Meeting

Motion by Witte second by Johnson. Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Community Event Discussion

Steve Lundeen – 1110 Ironwood Ave Sw – brought to the board ideas he would like to see be explored more by the board. A community light show, similar to Bentleyville for the community to enjoy and to assist with sponsoring and volunteering at. Mayor Johnson had first presented idea in 2017 or 2018 to the board. Mayor Johnson has information he gathered at that time for this event. The board agreed to continue to move forward with looking more into this type of event to be held here in Isanti with the intention to make sure we have strong sponsors/volunteers to start to plan for a future event. Lundeen then mentioned an egg hunt, it was brought up that Rum River BMX has had this type of event the past couple of years and so the city could reach out and co-sponsor/partner with the existing event. Belt buckle/medallion hunt to go along with the Rodeo/Jubilee Days celebration and the board decided to continue to look into this event.

4. Preview the Parks, Recreation and Culture Comp Plan

Garvey explained that the comp plan had not been reviewed by this board since 2011 and is bringing it tonight to have the board provide staff direction if they would like to set up a sub-committee to review this packet. The board discussed that they would each review the plan on their own over the next month and bring it back to the August meeting with their insights/updates/etc.

5. Parks Update

Garvey shared that in April of 2019, the board approved the new paint project that will start on Monday July 29. The large playground and swing area will re-painted and the entire playground area will be closed for 2 weeks, weather depending. The Passport to Parks scavenger hunt kickoff event was on Thursday June 20 at Bluebird Park and the hunt will continue, in which citizens can explore our parks and is open through Friday August 9. A Grand Prize drawing will take place at 7:00 pm at the beginning of the Street Dance on August 17. Passports are available for download from the City's website or can be picked up at City Hall. Garvey continued that our second street dance of the summer was Saturday July 20 featuring Audio Circus, and the final dance will be on August 17 featuring Good for Gary, as the ending to our Celebrate Isanti event. The attendance for the June dance was slightly higher than the July date. June we had a couple of moments of rain, but for July the weather was a wonderful event. The Dog Park Grand Opening and ribbon cutting

ceremony was on Wednesday June 12 at 11am. We had about 30 people in attendance and 12 dogs. Staff conducted a drawing for a few prizes and the guests of honor seemed to enjoy meeting new friends and running around without a leash on. Legacy Park, the developer has granted a temporary access point from the new street and staff has placed signs at this point and mowed a path to the entrance of the park. The access point will have to be moved again as the one we created now has stakes in it so this access point will need to be adjusted. The developer has provided plans to expand the project this fall and go back as far as the true park entrance and parking lot. If the process continues and gets approval, the parking lot for Legacy could be paved and ready by winter. Curious Creatures is a monthly program geared toward 2-5 years old, that switches park locations and has a new theme each month. This is free for residents and \$3.00 for non-residents for June 11 we had 15 kids in attendance at River Bluff Preserve for Terrific Turtles and July 9 we had 7 kids in attendance at Bluebird Park for Incredible Insects. Celebrate Isanti is our city celebration day. The day starts off with the bike/run/walk at 8:30 and 8:45, then continues with the Kids festival, community organization/business vendor showcase from 9am-1pm, the car show from 10a-3pm along Main street and then finishes up with the last street dance at 7pm with Good for Gary and also at 7pm the grand prize drawing for the scavenger hunt. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to assist with the race, and kids festival.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Witte, second by Johnson to adjourn the July 23, 2019 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Board. Motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Dated at Isanti, Minnesota this 24th day of July, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Jenny Garvey
Parks, Recreation, and Culture Manager