

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – January 24th, 2017 - 5:00 P.M.
ISANTI COUNTY GOV. BUILDING TRAINING ROOM**

Voting Members Present: Luke Merrill, Cliff Edblad, Susan Blom, Richard Reichle, Barb Kilpatrick, Bill Carlson, Dave Ringstad, Carol Urness, Wayne Anderson, Robert Shogren

Members Excused: Dave Oslund

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.
Ringstad motioned, Anderson seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B.** Elect Chair & Vice Chair Person for Isanti County Parks Commission.
Reichle motioned, seconded by Merrill to re-elect Bill Carlson as Chair and Wayne Anderson as Vice Chair.
Motion carried.
- C.** Minutes – Ringstad motioned, Merrill seconded, to approve meeting minutes of November 22nd, 2016. **Motion carried.**
- D.** Budget Report – Blom motioned, Kilpatrick seconded to approve the December Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- E.** Bills and Invoices – Merrill motioned, Ringstad seconded to pay 16 bills totaling \$7,361.67 for the month of December. **Motion carried.** Shogren motioned, Ringstad seconded to pay 8 bills totaling \$1,289.43 for the month of January. **Motion carried.**
- F.** Director's Report
1. Freezer Burn Fat Bike Race – Event was held on January 14th @ Springvale County Park with 40 registered riders and 12 others in attendance. The race is sponsored by the Cambridge Cycling Club with proceeds donated to Isanti County Parks for trail improvements.
 2. Open House – The Friends of Anderson Park assisted in holding an open house at Oxford Town Hall on January 17th. The 27 people attendance received information and provided feedback regarding the proposed development at Anderson Park. Funding for development was made possible through a grant from the Parks & Trails Legacy Fund with a local match from the Isanti County Parks Reserve Fund. Development will be completed by June 30th, 2019.
 3. Winter Trail Day – The 2nd annual Winter Trail Day is set for February 25th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Anderson Park. Skis and snowshoes will be FREE to use for those in attendance. The Friends of Anderson Park will provide refreshments.
 4. Becklin Park – Leaf Construction completed the excavation of material from the Lood Property for purposes of extending the berms at the Sportsman's Club. The site will be restored into pollinator habitat following the installation of an additional northern natural gas line in 2017.
 5. Maple Ridge Township Park Property – The Parks Director attended the December Township Meeting to discuss maintenance of Elm Park consisting of .33 acres. The Parks Director will meet with the County Auditor to determine potential sale of small acreage properties owned by the county.
 6. 6th Grade Conservation Day – The date has been set for May 19th@ Becklin Park. Volunteers are needed for classroom guides and should be scheduled through Darrick Wotachek in Zoning Dpt.
 7. Park user numbers through December were reported.
OVER 39,000 VEHICLES ENTERED ISANTI COUNTY PARKS IN 2017.

G. Other Business

1. Portable Restroom Service – A Request for Proposal was sent to Jimmy's Johnnys, Absolute Portable Restrooms, and Red's Portable Toilets to provide service within Isanti County Parks in 2017. One quote was received from Jimmy's Johnnys, Inc. Shogren motioned, seconded by Blom to approve the quote and enter into a contract with Jimmy's Johnnys, Inc to provide portable restrooms and service within Isanti County Parks in 2017. **Motion carried.**
2. County Wide Bike Plan – A Thank You Card from the Bike Isanti County Committee was read by the Chair thanking the Isanti County Parks Commission for their recommendation of funding to complete the Trail and Bikeway Master Plan. Three dates have been set for Community Engagement Meetings. These dates will be published in local newspapers and online where possible.
3. Per Diems.

H. Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday February 28th, 2017 - 5:00pm

I. Reichle motioned, Ringstad seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Submitted by,
Barry Wendorf
Parks Director