

**B. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – January 26th, 2010
ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – TRAINING ROOM**

Voting Members Present: Kathie Madsen, Cliff Edblad, John Schlagel, George Larson, Wayne Anderson, Barb Kilpatrick, Carol Urness, Bill Carlson, Robert Shogren

Voting Members Excused: Ed White, Richard Reichle

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

Guests Present: Maurie Anderson

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m by Chair Bill Carlson.
Edblad motioned, Anderson seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B. Elections: Motion was made by Shogren, seconded by Kilpatrick to keep Bill Carlson – Chair, Wayne Anderson – Vice Chair, Cliff Edblad, Wayne Anderson and George Larson remain on Land Committee. **Motion carried.**
- C. Minutes – Schlagel motioned, Madsen seconded, to approve meeting minutes of November 24th, 2009. **Motion carried.**
- C. Budget Report – Shogren motioned, Schlagel seconded to approve End of 2009 and January 26th, 2010 Budget Reports. **Motion carried.**
- D. Bills and Invoices – Shogren motioned, Urness seconded to pay 24 bills totaling \$28,678 for December and 10 bills totaling \$1,439 in January. **Motion carried.**
- E. Director's Report
- Cross Country Ski Trails – Director reported that after talking with Dave Larson (Spirit River Ski Trails) and Back Country Trail Patrol that there is a need for additional cross country ski trails within Isanti County. It was discussed that Becklin and Anderson parks would be acceptable locations. Anderson motioned, Kilpatrick seconded, to approve applying for a “Federal Recreation Trail Grant” (2/26 Deadline) totaling \$16,000 for the purchase of a snowmobile along with two trail groomers. A 50% cash match of \$8,000 would come from the 2011 Special Projects Fund.
Along with applying within the same grant program for the Springvale Mt. Bike trail construction totaling \$4,000. The 50% match would be covered by in-kind volunteer service from STS and college volunteers. **Motion carried.**
 - Becklin Oak Savanna Restoration Project – will be purchasing 5,000 burr oak seedlings from state nursery to be planted in May by volunteers. Director also read a letter sent by Capable Partners Coordinator Alan Busse thanking the Cambridge DNR and the Isanti County Parks Department for the use and overwhelming support of their disabled hunting program.
 - Anoka Sandplain Partnership - received funding through LSOHC - Isanti Co. Parks may receive funding for oak savanna restoration at Springvale & Becklin Co. Parks
 - Director has met with DNR Hydrologist, RC&D, and Friends of Rum River to coordinate Becklin Park as a demonstration site for integrated storm water runoff projects.
 - Burned buckthorn brush piles at Wayside with help from part time staff.
 - Vegsund – STS is working on stairway construction, met with DNR Hydrologist to sample lake bottom for Swim Beach possibility. His recommendation was to find a more suitable site. Wayside Park was considered. With poor visibility and vandalism concerns Larson stated that Isanti County Parks does not have a suitable lake at this time.

- Anderson Park - picnic shelter logs are on site, \$780 has been donated for an interpretive sign - a copy was presented to the board, received donations for purchase of two park benches. There will be a volunteer work day on April 17th at Anderson Park. Kilpatrick motioned, Urness seconded to apply for a 75% Legacy grant for the purchase of 3 boardwalks and 1 viewing platform totaling \$65,000. Local match of \$16,250 would come from this year's special project budget. **Motion carried.**

G. Other Business

1. County Board approved carry over of \$30,000 from 09 Special Projects Budget for development of Vegsund County Park.
2. Parks Legacy Grant Program – Did not receive grant for development of Vegsund County Park. Larson motioned, Anderson seconded to apply for grant again with inclusion of a solar lighted trail from parking area to fishing pier location. **Motion carried.** Schlagel mentioned the possibility of having solar lights for park entrance signs.
3. Based on a recent appraisal the DNR made an offer on the property adjacent to Becklin on the NW corner. Edblad motioned, Anderson seconded to donate \$1,000 from the parks reserve fund to the MNDNR for the purchase of this property. **Motion carried.**
4. Naming of a park as regional – Parks director reported that he spoke with the DNR Grants Administrator, and that having a park labeled as regional or county would not effect the ranking of a grant application.
5. Park Entrance Signs (Springvale, Wayside, and Anderson) / Interpretive Signs – The park board voted to purchase 3 park entrance signs constructed from recycled plastic along with its future interpretive signs through Vacker Sign Company, Roseville, MN.
6. Princeton Area Regional Park & Trail Board – Director reported that Wyanett Township will be attending meetings; at this point Spencer Brook was not interested.
7. Shogren motioned, Madsen seconded to join Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Association in order to secure appropriate funding for regional parks & trails outside of the metro area and state park systems. **Motion carried.**
8. Park Board meeting in July was changed due to a conflict with the park director's schedule. The July meeting will be held on July 20th at 7pm at the Gov Center.

G. Next Meeting February 23rd, 2010 at the Isanti County Government Center Training Room.

H. Schlagel motioned, Kilpatrick seconded, to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.**

Submitted by,
Barry Wendorf
Parks Director