

ISANTI COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M. Tuesday October 28th, 2008
Isanti County Government Center
TRAINING ROOM

Proposed Agenda

- A. Call to Order / Changes to Agenda
- B. Approve Minutes of September 23rd, 2008 Meeting
- C. Treasurer's Report / Budget for 2008 (Hand Out)
- D. Bills & Invoices (Hand Out)
- E. Land Acquisition Sub Committee Report
- G. Director's Report
- H. Other Business

Initiatives and Funding

1. Anderson Park

- Plow lines will be put in by Pioneer Tree at a cost of \$1,431.36 (this will be reimbursed through the grant program)
- Did not receive grant through state woody biomass efforts
- RFP was sent out for removal of oak wilt trees, county board requested this be available to all public.
- Deadline for bid is Nov 3rd, dates for removal are Nov 6th – Dec 1st.
County will get 65% reimbursement for plowing and \$91 per removal of spore trees if completed by December 1st.

2. County Park Directional Signs.

- Total of 8 signs on county and township roads (estimated cost of \$450)
- Discuss locations

3. Becklin Homestead Park / WMA interpretive sign

- County Parks would pay \$220 to Pannier Sign Company for constructing
- Frame paid for by Active Living by Design

4. Friends of Anderson Park

- A group has formed called "Friends of Anderson Park", their goal is to help promote, develop, and restore natural habitat through fundraising and volunteer efforts. There will be a meeting on Nov 13th from 7-8:30pm at the Oxford Town Hall.

I. Next Meeting November 25th, 2008

J. Adjourn

DRAFT – THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

**B. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – September 23rd, 2008
ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – TRAINING ROOM**

Voting Members Present: Bill Carlson, Paul Wade, Cliff Edblad, Richard Hanson, Wayne Anderson, George Larson, Carol Urness, Robert Shogren, John Schlagel, Barb Kilpatrick

Voting Members Excused: Richard Reichle

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.
Hanson motioned, Anderson seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B. Minutes – Hanson motioned, Wade seconded, to approve meeting minutes of August 26th, 2008. **Motion carried.**
- C. Treasurer's Report – Schalgel motioned, Urness seconded to approve September 23rd, 2008 Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried**
- D. Bills and Invoices – Larson motioned, Hanson seconded to pay 20 bills totaling \$20,016.67
Motion carried
- E. Land Acquisition Subcommittee – Executer of the Kelly Property informed Parks Director of the possible sale of the 147 acres directly to the west of Becklin. The Parks Director will contact the executer to state that Isanti County Parks is interested in the land, but reserve funds are insufficient, other funding sources will be looked at.
Schlagel mentioned that the #1 goal of the public survey was to obtain a swimming beach on Spectacle Lake.
- F. Director's Report
 1. Contract was signed with Evergreen Log Homes to construct the picnic shelter at Becklin. Shingle color along with stamp color and design were selected.
 2. Viewing platform at Becklin was completed by STS. They will be constructing the bench at a later date. It was suggested to put in a ramp to the platform.
 3. The road resurfacing at Becklin was completed by Leaf Construction with payment coming from Capital Outlay.
 4. Clarence Recycling donated a 4' x 8' sheet of plexi glass to Isanti County Parks estimated to cost \$100. A "Thank You for Donation" Letter was given.
 5. County Park Association meeting report.
 6. Director reported the Cambridge/Isanti High School Employment/Volunteer Day October 8th. The Parks Director will have a display for volunteering in Isanti County Parks. Construction Trade and Marketing classes were points of interest.
- G. Other Business
 1. Anderson Park Oak Wilt was discussed. County Forester Sam Klocksien recommended cutting plow lines and removing sporelated oak trees. County could get 65% reimbursement for plowing and \$91 per removal of spore trees if completed by December 31st. Larson motioned, Anderson seconded to allow Parks Director to accept grant through DNR woody biomass for up to \$6,000 reimbursement for the removal if offered, second choice to put out for bid to logging contractors for the removal. Liability concerns were discussed in allowing public to cut trees for fire wood.
 2. NPLD September 27th. Donations from True Value, City Center Market, Cub Foods,

Walmart, Isanti Subway, and Dalbo Township were made.

3. Installing and purchase of 30' chain link fence that was taken down during Becklin road construction was ok'd.
4. Hanson motioned, Wade seconded to apply for grants from Native Buffer Cost-Share Program (Restoration & shoreline protection) and Great River Greening (Development & implementation of BMP's) **Motion carried**
5. 17 acres of parkland in North Branchettes was discussed, Parks Director will take a look at the property.

H. Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 28th, 2008 at the Isanti County Government Center Training Room.

- I. Anderson motioned, Kilpatrick seconded, to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Wendorf
Parks Director

G. Director's Report – August 26th – September 23rd

NPLD event – 17 volunteers, constructed shelter, made new trail, cleared existing trails, and pulled out 30 stumps from existing trail.

Concrete was finished and log work was completed for the picnic shelter at Becklin.

Wayside Prairie interpretive sign is near completion and will be sent to Pannier. The construction and frame were paid for by Active Living by Design.

Volunteer Day at CI High School – Signed up 14 students for various volunteer efforts throughout Isanti County Parks.

Sheriffs Dept donated chain link fence for north boundary at sportsman's club

Parks Director requests approval to purchase 2 “weed wrenches” for the removal of buckthorn and prickly ash on park lands. \$320.00 + shipping

Geocaching discussion – 12 caches in county parks, 7 in Springvale

Looked at North Branchettes “park land”, do not feel it is suitable for a county park.

WEBSITE IS UP & RUNNING!