

DRAFT – THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

**B. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – February 24th, 2009
ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – TRAINING ROOM**

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

Voting Members Excused: George Larson, Ed White

Guests Present: Maurie Anderson

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice Chair Wayne Anderson. Shogren motioned, Reichle seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B. Minutes – Shogren motioned, Reichle seconded, to approve meeting minutes of January 27th, 2009. **Motion carried.**
- C. Treasurer's Report – Shogren motioned, Schlagel seconded to approve February 24th, 2009 Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**
- D. Bills and Invoices – Shogren motioned, Schlagel seconded to pay 9 bills totaling \$1,096.38. **Motion carried.**
- E. Director's Report
1. County Board approved an increase for the grant application to \$210,550 for the development of Vegsund Family County Park.
 2. Anderson Park tree removal will be completed by Feb 28.
 3. Friends of Anderson Park volunteer project day Feb 28
- college volunteers will also be present
 4. Bird Spikes to keep birds from roosting at Becklin shelter - 50' section = \$175
- Schlagel motioned, Urness seconded the purchase of 2 – 50' sections totaling \$350.
 5. Stream & Lake Monitors Workshop – Director will send flyer out via email
 6. Amendment Update – in future it may be possible to get funding for resource mgt. through Heritage Fund. Parks & Trails fund is looking for author of bill to dedicate 24% solely for Greater MN. Parks Director requested parks and trails council to seek support from local legislatures.

F. Public Hearing

Chair opened public hearing at 7:24 pm to obtain citizen input on the development of Vegsund Family County Park.

1. The Parks Director stated the acreage and date the park was purchased, followed by discussion of Regional Significance and where park users would be coming from.
2. Project scope and type of activities to be completed include:
 - Paved 5 vehicle trail head parking lot along Co. Rd 24.
 - Paved roadway leading to a 30 vehicle parking lot.
 - 30' x 30' metal picnic shelter with 8 picnic tables and 3 grills
 - 600' of ADA accessible paved trail leading to a 44' MINNCOR fishing pier, along with an additional 1,900' paved ADA accessible loop.
 - 6000' of compacted gravel / non motorized multi use trails.
3. Placement of entrance road, picnic shelter and pathway accessing lake were discussed. Shogren and Reichle proposed to have roadway come in from the north gate and to leave picnic shelter at planned location along with locating the pathway accessing Lake Seventeen to have the least amount of impact on the bank.
4. Parks Director described each activities cost and implementation schedule, along with proposed funding for entire project, noting that there would be no additional cost to community residents. Maintenance costs were presented in one, three/five, ten, and twenty year intervals.
5. Questions from audience included what were plans for development if grant is not received and what type of restroom facilities would be available.

Public Hearing was closed by Chair at 7:50 pm.

G. Other Business

1. Park Ordinance

- Change to allow hunting for disabled hunters through the Capable Partners Program in order for compliance at Becklin and to not allow leaving of pet waste.
 - Edblad mentioned to look into hours of operation to allow for hunting / fishing.
 - Suggestion to combine parks ordinance change with county ordinance change.
- 2. Isanti County Parks received a \$500 award for a photo taken by a volunteer at Dalbo County Park during last years NPLD event.
 - The award will go towards the purchase of a sign kiosk and map at Dalbo County Park.
- 3. SWCD received \$55,000 grant through native buffers program to purchase prairie seed for Anderson Park. Some of the 25% match will be covered by PF.
- 4. Isanti County Commissioner Alan Duff proposal for "Great Yard Award" implementation by Isanti County Park Board.
 - Park Board / Sub Committee would set criteria, promote program, and judge entries.
 - Schlagel motioned, Anderson seconded to make Madsen chair subcommittee to implement "Great Yard Award" program.

H. Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 24th, 2009 at the Isanti County Government Center Training Room.

- I. Shogren motioned, Urness seconded, to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Barry Wendorf
Parks Director