

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – July, 2009**  
**ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – TRAINING ROOM**

Voting Members Present: Bill Carlson, Kathie Madsen, Cliff Edblad, Richard Reichle, John Schlagel, Robert Shogren, George Larson, Ed White, Carol Urness, Barb Kilpatrick

Voting Members Excused: Wayne Anderson  
Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.  
Edblad motioned, White seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B. Minutes – Schlagel motioned, Reichle seconded, to approve meeting minutes of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. **Motion carried.**
- C. Budget Report – Schlagel motioned, Urness seconded to approve July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Budget Report. **Motion carried.** Schlagel inquired about future operating budget. Larson stated that the \$50,000 acquisition/development budget may not be available next year.
- D. Bills and Invoices – Madsen motioned, White seconded to pay 24 bills totaling \$3,509.03. **Motion carried.**
- E. Director's Report
- Parks Update in Water Plan Newsletter distributed at County Fair & website
  - Becklin -Well finished, Stained shelter, Main gate is open
  - Contract with Leaf Excavating to do grade work for Anderson Park trail and parking lot road approaches - \$1,000.00
  - SWCD has disked fields at Anderson Park and will seed this fall.
  - Isanti County Shooting Sports volunteered to seal boardwalks at Dalbo and put up 30 blue bird houses in the parks.
  - County Board approved Parks Director to attend Blandin Leadership Training from September 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Director was chosen as an alternate.
  - Constitutional Amendment Update – Determine which parks are regional
  - Friends of Anderson Park Update – director will attend meeting between builder & FOAP to determine specs of picnic shelter.
- F. Other Business
1. 2010 parks budget will be submitted on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Schlagel motioned, Reichle seconded to approve 2010 budget request.
  2. County Board approved funding for remaining balance of picnic shelter at Irving & John Anderson Park in the amount of \$19,500 from the parks reserve fund.
  3. Donation of \$500 by Frank Foltz family to go towards a tree and a dock section for the canoe access at Springvale County Park. Remaining cost of dock in the amount of \$280 will be covered by the Parks Department.
  4. National Public Lands Day Event / Grand Opening to be held at Becklin

September 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be planting acorns, trail work, and landscape plantings. Discussion followed about invitees, music, tractor ride, & advertising.

H. Next Meeting is Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Board will meet at 7:00 at Becklin County Park.

I. Shogren motioned, Reichle seconded, to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Barry Wendorf  
Parks Director

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- B. Minutes – Schlagel motioned, Larson seconded, to approve meeting minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **Motion carried.**
- C. Budget Report – Shogren motioned, White seconded to approve June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- D. Bills and Invoices – Shogren motioned, Schlagel seconded to pay 17 bills totaling \$5,132.71. **Motion carried.**
- E. Director's Report
- Cypress Spurge was sprayed at Anderson Park by Prairie Restorations
  - Becklin -Well (State test came back OK on 6-17-09) / Winterization of the well was discussed.
    - Stone Work completed
    - Gate will be put in Wednesday
  - Central MN Jobs in Training Youth Program working in parks (painting blinds, building picnic table shelters, landscape around shelter) paid for by a federal grant at no cost to the county.
  - Planted a sugar maple tree at Becklin from a \$250 donation.
  - Applied for funds through state bonding bill for development at Vegsund and acquisition of property adjacent to Becklin.
  - Contacted Leaf Excavating to do grade work for Anderson Park trail and parking lot road approaches.
  - Friends of Anderson Park Update – advertised at North Branch Parade, Anderson family donating funds for interp sign, met with Chet Meyers to discuss possible Red Headed Woodpecker Recovery Program, fall work day planned for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> to remove buckthorn and improve entrance to the park.
- Park Tour Comments:
- Schlagel – Need more attraction / visibility / signs
  - Larson – People know and feel good about parks / advertise work days in paper
  - Mattson – Create friends group for each park / camping possibilities

Edblade – amazed at changes in past 10 yrs / fortunate to have what we have / good ground work from previous park boards / promote within nursing homes  
Urness – Mentality of parks = young people / a lot has been done in 15yrs / liked habitat  
Reichle – Develop interp signs on nature trails / good acquisition, now development  
Carlson – Development of Anderson Park / promote geocaching, orienteering / group walks in parks.  
White – Surprised by amount of land / advertise / good acquisition for future  
Shogren – Enjoyed tour / liked Wayside boardwalks and interp sign / suggested to arrange a “What’s Happening in the Parks” article in a local paper once a month.  
Other discussion included – putting up identification signs on restroom shelters, advertise at Library, advertise Becklin opening in paper.

**F. Other Business**

1. County Board approved 20% (approx. \$4,000) of 2008 tax forfeited land sales for acquisition and maintenance of county parks. Parks Director will check with county attorney to see if proceeds from selling park land can go toward development of other parks.
2. Recommend County Board to approve funding for remaining balance of picnic shelter at Irving & John Anderson Park. Schlagel motioned, Reichle seconded to approve \$19,500 from parks reserve fund go towards construction of picnic shelter at Anderson Park in 2010. A plaque recognizing the Friends of Anderson Park and Oxford Township will also be included.
3. Cambridge / Isanti bike trail update – engineering firm under estimated cost by \$300,000 to \$400,000 / in process of getting an estimate from another vendor.

H. Next Meeting is Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Board will meet at 7:00 at Government Building.

- I. Shogren motioned, Schlagel seconded, to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Barry Wendorf  
Parks Director