

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – January 25th, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.
ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008

Voting Members Present: Susan Blom, Dave Oslund, Kathy Szczech, Lee Kingsbury, Dave Ringstad, Richard Reichle, Luke Merrill, Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn, Carol Urness, Bill Carlson, Wayne Anderson

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson. Oslund motioned, Ringstad seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B.** Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Reichle motioned, seconded by Urness to Re-elect Bill Carlson as Chair and Wayne Anderson as Vice Chair. **Motion carried.**
- C.** Minutes – Kingsbury motioned, Ringstad seconded, to approve meeting minutes of November 23rd, 2021. **Motion carried.**
- D.** Budget Report – Oslund motioned, Urness seconded to approve the December Budget Report and the 2022 approved budget. **Motion carried.**
- E.** Bills and Invoices – Merrill motioned, Ringstad seconded to pay 24 bills totaling \$12,608.88 for the month of December and 16 bills totaling \$9,507.15 for the month of January. **Motion carried.**
- F.** Director's Report
1. ADA Update – Ashley Hirdler reported that she has been reviewing existing plans and research documents. Potential project could include assisting with accessibility at parking areas and trailheads.
 2. Springvale Master Plan – Approved by the County Board. Staff and Consultants are working on uploading information into the online portal in order to apply for regional designation.
 3. Freezer Burn Fat Bike Race – Race is Saturday the 29th. Ski Trails will be closed starting Wednesday due to grooming for the racetrack.
 4. 2022 Portable Restroom Contract – County Board Approved Absolute Portable Restrooms.
 5. SWCD Restoration Grant – MNL brush cut vegetation and dead and down at Vegsund Park.
 6. Eagle Scout Project Potential – Interested in fitness trail or bike skills park at Springvale.
 7. Park Visitor Numbers through December 2021 were reported.
- G.** Other Business
1. Park Legacy Grant – Phase III Anderson Park – Received grant award of \$780,225 with a local match from the Park Reserve Fund of \$140,000. Project can start July 1st.
 2. Ron McGriff – Wayside Park Donation – Possible raingarden on the SW corner of picnic shelter.
 3. Park Preserve Opportunity / Discussion – Carol Urness described definition of “Preserve” – keeping things in original state while keeping animals and plants protected and safe. The Dorothy Bohn property is planned to be split with the south 20 acres of interest to the County.
 4. Wayside Park – Plattner Property- Contacted by property owner to see if there was interest in acquiring for park. Blom motioned, seconded by Merrill to continue conversations with the property owner. Parks Director will clarify acreage, access easement, and asking price. **Motion carried**
 5. Per Diems.
- H.** Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
- I.** Reichle motioned, Ringstad seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Submitted by,
Barry Wendorf – Isanti County Parks Director