

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.**  
**ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**555 18<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008**

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

Voting Members Absent: Dave Oslund, Richard Reichle, Wayne Anderson

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.  
Merrill motioned, Ringstad seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B.** Minutes – Ringstad motioned, Blom seconded, to approve meeting minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. **Motion carried.**
- C.** Budget Report – Blom motioned, Ringstad seconded to approve the January Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- D.** Bills and Invoices – Urness motioned, Blom seconded to pay 16 bills totaling \$3,776.06 for the month of March. **Motion carried.**
- E.** Director's Report
1. ADA Update – Ashley Hirdler presented the quick guide with ADA Standards for Park System. Discussion included updating Park Brochures marking ADA facilities and providing a list of current compliance concerns.
  2. Prescribed Burn Plans – Plans have been submitted for permits on 12 units within 4 parks totaling 80 acres.
  3. UTV Equipment – An order has been placed to lease the JD UTV expected to arrive in June.
  4. Eagle Scout Project – A fitness trail utilizing wood or rustic materials with placement of the stations along the paved loop at the end of Springvale Park will begin April 16<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Park Visitor Numbers through February 2022 were reported
  6. Friends of Anderson Park Summary – Chair Lee Kingsbury provided an update on last year's programs along with a list of 2022 programs.
- F.** Other Business
1. Park Ordinance Enforcement – Parks Director met with County Sheriff and Attorney. Direction was given to inform public to call dispatch and to contact County Commissioners. Based on staffing, calls will be prioritized based on availability. The only way to improve this is if the County Board budgets for an officer for this type of patrol.
  2. Capable Partners – Request to hold a muzzleloader hunt during the state season. Discussion included using them during the rifle season and providing as much opportunity as possible for people that wouldn't otherwise have the ability. Parks Director will meet with DNR and Capable Partners to discuss options and bring it back to the Park Board.
  3. Connecting People to the Outdoors Grant – Stearns, Sherburne, and Isanti Counties are working on a joint application to purchase skis, snowshoes, and a trailer. Each county would have the opportunity to use the trailer as needed with users required to sign a waiver of liability . Cost will be split equally for insurance and maintenance of equipment.
  4. Park Preserve – Urness Property – Ms. Urness updated the Park Board by stating that she has made a decision to have her property owned and managed by the Isanti County Parks Department. The Parks Director will work with TPL on applying for a Natural & Scenic Area Grant with a deadline of March 31, 2023.
  5. Per Diems.
- G.** Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.
- H.** Ringstad motioned, Merrill seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.  
Submitted by, Barry Wendorf – Isanti County Parks Director