

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – March 28th, 2023 - 5:00 P.M.
ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
555 18th Ave SW, CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008

Voting Members Present: Whitey Redfield, Luke Merrill, Adam Curtis, Lee Kingsbury, Carol Urness, Susan Blom, Jamieson Baldwin-Schaffer, Bill Berg, Wayne Anderson, Bob Shogren

Voting Members Absent: John Carlson

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf, Joe Willaert

Public Present: Bob Betsinger, Craig Betsinger

A. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Wayne Anderson.

Merrill motioned, Blom seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**

B. Minutes – Merrill motioned, seconded by Blom, to approve meeting minutes of February 28th, 2023.

Motion carried.

C. Budget Report – Blom motioned, Kingsbury seconded to approve the February Budget Report. **Motion carried.**

D. Bills and Invoices – Curtis motioned, Urness seconded to pay 19 bills totaling \$3,442.70 for the month of March. **Motion carried.**

E. Director's Report

1. Programs & Events – All About Isanti County Parks program at the Cambridge Library at 6pm. Spring Bird Hike May 13th at Anderson Park at 7:30am. 5th Grade Conservation day at Becklin Park on May 19th at 9am. Disc Golf Tournament at Springvale Park at 9am on May 20th.
2. Park Equipment Maintenance – Ryan has been working on equipment maintenance the last month.
3. Natural & Scenic Area Grant Application – Application was reviewed and submitted prior to the deadline. Betsinger's raised concerns about access going across their property. The County will work neighbors on access options once acquired.
4. Park Visitor Numbers through February 2023 were reported. It was suggested to look into different counters since numbers are off for multiple parks.

F. Other Business

1. Promotion of Isanti County Parks – The Parks Director was contacted by three different individuals regarding drone footage for our parks. This along with discussion and interest from the Park Board led to direction for the Parks Director to draft a Park Promotional Plan.
2. Isanti County Environmental Newsletter – The first edition has been printed. The focus of the first newsletter is on recycling but the following editions will include a section on Parks. It was suggested to provide a link to the County Website and Social Media Posts.
4. Comprehensive Land Use Plan – the Isanti County Zoning Office will be completing an updated plan in 2023. This is a great opportunity to provide input on the future direction of Isanti County. The first Public Input Meeting will be held on April 19th at Stanford Town Hall at 5pm.
5. Per Diems

G. Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

H. Merrill motioned, Blom seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by, Barry Wendorf - Isanti County Parks Director