

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – April 26<sup>th</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, Dave Oslund, Richard Reichle, Wayne Anderson, Carol Urness, Bill Carlson

Voting Members Absent: Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.  
Anderson motioned, Merrill seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B.** Minutes – Urness motioned, Blom seconded, to approve meeting minutes of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. **Motion carried.**
- C.** Budget Report – Merrill motioned, Blom seconded to approve the March Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- D.** Bills and Invoices – Kingsbury motioned, Ringstad seconded to pay 17 bills totaling \$14,866.05 for the month of April. **Motion carried.**
- E.** Director's Report
1. Programs & Events – A list of programs and events was reviewed for the year with the first event being the Spring Bird Hike on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Park.
  2. 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.
  3. 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 was started and planned to be completed on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Prescribed Burn Season is in full swing. Due to lack of Sentence to Serve Program Staff from IT, Zoning, and Safety and Rescue helped.
  5. Park Visitor Numbers through March 2022 were reported
- F.** Other Business
1. Capable Partners – Merrill motioned, seconded by Urness to allow the Capable Partners Program to hold a muzzleloader season only on blinds 6 and 7 during the regular state muzzleloader season. If there are additional hunters that are not able to participate, the use of additional blinds may be expanded in 2023. **Motion carried.**
  2. 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.
  3. Head Start Promotional Request – Discussion concluded with a consensus to not allow this type of organization to set up a booth within Isanti County Parks outside of a scheduled event.
  4. Park Maintenance Lead Position – Current employee will be leaving with his last day being June 30<sup>th</sup>. The position will be looked at possibly moving to a full time position.
  5. Per Diems.
  6. Anderson Park Donation – Co-founder Karen Sundberg recently passed away and her family and friends would like to place a memorial at Anderson Park in her memory. There will be a bench along with two Burr Oak Trees planted near the Embertson Farm site and possibly a metal art sculpture near the shelter if sufficient funds are received.
- G.** Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. @ **ANDERSON PARK**
- H.** Reichle motioned, Ringstad seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.  
Submitted by, Barry Wendorf – Isanti County Parks Director