

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – May 24th, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.
IRVING & JOHN ANDERSON COUNTY PARK
27241 Furman St NE, North Branch, MN 55056

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

Voting Members Absent: Carol Urness

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.
Merrill motioned, Reichle seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B.** Minutes – Oslund motioned, Merrill seconded, to approve meeting minutes of May 24th, 2022. **Motion carried.**
- C.** Budget Report – Merrill motioned, Ringstad seconded to approve the April Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- D.** Bills and Invoices – Reichle motioned, Kingsbury seconded to pay 16 bills totaling \$4,126.67 for the month of May. **Motion carried.**
- E.** Director's Report
1. Programs & Events – The Parks Director gave a Presentation of Isanti County Parks to the TRIAD Group Today. The Spring Bird Hike had 22 people in attendance and noted 35 species of birds. The 5th Grade Conservation Day went well with 535 people in attendance. Disc Golf League at Springvale Park starts May 30th and is every Monday night until October. The Scavenger Hunt is scheduled for Anderson Park this summer. The Parks Director will be giving a program on All About Birds at the Cambridge Library on June 23rd.
 2. Wayside Park – the raingarden has been constructed and planted. Construction materials were donated from the ICEC in memory of Ron McGriff and the plants were donated by Richard Reichle.
 3. Eagle Scout Project – The fitness trail along the paved loop at Springvale Park was completed on May 7th.
 4. Prescribed Burn Season has been completed with a total of 12 units burned with help from IT, Safety & Rescue, FOAP.
 5. Teetzal Property – The foundation and septic have been removed and filled in.
 6. Park Visitor Numbers through April 2022 were reported
- F.** Other Business
1. Springvale County Park – Legacy Fund Application – Ringstad motioned, seconded by Kingsbury to apply for a Park Legacy Grant to expand parking areas, construct permanent restrooms, and complete the single track trail at Springvale Park. **Motion carried.**
 2. Connecting People to the Outdoors Grant – Stearns, Sherburne, and Isanti Counties submitted a joint application to purchase skis, snowshoes, and a trailer.
 3. Park Maintenance Lead Position – Current employee will be leaving with his last day being June 30th. The position will be looked at possibly moving to a full time position.
 4. Per Diems.
 5. Carol Urness Property – Merrill motioned, seconded by Ringstad to pursue the acquisition of the south 20 acres known as the Dorothy Bohn Property. **Motion carried.** This property would provide access to the Carol Urness property moving forward. Member Carol Urness abstained from the vote.
- G.** Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. @ **WAYSIDE PARK**
- H.** Oslund motioned, Reichle seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.
Submitted by, Barry Wendorf – Isanti County Parks Director