

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – June 28th, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.
WAYSIDE PRAIRIE COUNTY PARK
27800 Verdin St NW, Isanti, MN 55040

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.
Urness motioned, Merrill seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B. Minutes – Merrill motioned, Blom seconded, to approve meeting minutes of June 28th, 2022. **Motion carried.**
- C. Budget Report – Merrill motioned, Ringstad seconded to approve the May Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- D. Bills and Invoices – Oslund motioned, Ringstad seconded to pay 21 bills totaling \$15,406.21 for the month of June. **Motion carried.**

E. Director's Report

- 1. Programs & Events – The Parks Director gave a Presentation of All About Birds at the Cambridge Library. Disc Golf League at Springvale Park is every Monday night until October and has great attendance. The Scavenger Hunt is going on at Anderson Park this summer. Medallion Hunt and Disc Golf Tournament are scheduled for August. The Fall Festival is Sep 17. Rebecca volunteered to bring tagged monarchs for this event.
- 2. Spurge Management – Spring spraying has been completed with a follow up scheduled for this fall at Wayside, Springvale, and Anderson Parks.
- 3. Eagle Scout Project – The fitness trail along the paved loop at Springvale Park was completed on May 7th along with sign installation. A donation in the amount of \$984 was given by the scout to be used for future park development.
- 4. SWCD Restoration Projects – Becklin and Vegsund restorations will be completed by the end of June.
- 5. Teetzel Property – The foundation and septic have been removed and filled in.
- 6. Park Visitor Numbers through May 2022 were reported. Continued lack of data for a few counters has caused an inaccurate count for the year.

F. Other Business

- 1. Springvale County Park – Legacy Fund Application – Merrill motioned, seconded by Ringstad to have a 20% local match with a total project cost of approximately \$410,000. This includes expanded parking areas, construct permanent restroom, complete the single track trail, construct natural play area, and signage. **Motion carried.**
- 2. Connecting People to the Outdoors Grant – Awarded grant for purchase of skis, snowshoes, and a trailer as a partnership with Stearns, Sherburne, and Isanti Counties.
- 3. Capable Partners Turkey Hunt – Four hunters participated with no turkeys harvested.
- 4. Park Maintenance Lead Position – Four applicants were interviewed with a potential start date the last week in July.
- 5. Munkberg Property – Consensus that the County would not be interested due to the property owner asking for too much money (\$4-\$5 million) unless there is a substantial donation.
- 6. Carol Urness Property – Carol addressed the Park Board and verified that the north 20 acres of the Dorothy Bohn Property has been sold and that she is working with the Trust for Public Lands on completing an appraisal for the south 20 acres.
- 7. Phillip Nyman Property – Mr Nyman has recently passed away. It is the County's understanding that he left 117 acres of his property to Isanti County Parks. The Parks Director will contact Lindberg Law Offices for clarification.
- 8. Per Diems.

G. Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th, 2022 – 5:00 p.m. @ SPRINGVALE PARK

H. Anderson motioned, Urness seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.
Submitted by, Barry Wendorf – Isanti County Parks Director**