

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – July 28th, 2020 - 5:00 P.M.
ISANTI COUNTY GOV. BUILDING
555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008

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

Voting Members Absent: Barb Kilpatrick

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

- A.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Carlson.
Oslund motioned, Reichle seconded to approve the meeting agenda. **Motion carried.**
- B.** Minutes – Anderson motioned, Oslund seconded, to approve meeting minutes of June 23rd, 2020. **Motion carried.**
- C.** Budget Report – Anderson motioned, Reichle seconded to approve the June Budget Report. **Motion carried.**
- D.** Bills and Invoices – Merrill motioned, Oslund seconded to pay 25 bills totaling \$6,347.85 for the month of July. **Motion carried.**
- F.** Director's Report
1. COVID 19 Precautions – Drinking fountains have not been turned on for the season. Picnic shelters are allowed to be used for groups under 25 people and they can keep 6' apart.
 2. 2020 Programs & Events – The 3rd Annual Disc Golf Tournament had 90 players. A video was shown highlighting the event and will be used for advertisement on social media. The Annual Medallion Hunt is scheduled to take place the week of August 17th. The annual Fall Festival at Anderson Park has been cancelled. The Isanti County Parks Department is partnering with the Friends of the Rum River for September 19th Rum River Canoe Cleanup.
 3. Single Track Mountain Bike Trail – Trail head signs have been installed along with trail markers along the way.
 4. Eagle Scouts & Volunteers – One scout is completing trail signage for the Springvale Single Track and another scout is constructing a dock and gravel trail at Wayside Park. A "Friends Group" is forming regarding the maintenance and promotion of the single track at Springvale.
 5. Stamm Farm Update – MNL was awarded the contract for prairie restoration. The first step will be an herbicide application, followed by tillage, and a second herbicide application. It is anticipated that seeding will take place in fall of 2020. It is estimated to take \$65k to stabilize the barn and an additional \$140k to renovate the barn for public use. The Park Board decided to figure out what would we like to have regarding an interpretive center / environmental learning center before making any decisions about the future of the barn.
 6. Park Visitor Numbers through June 2020 were reported.
- G.** Other Business
1. Possible Paved Trail Locations – The MNDNR responded in favor of allowing a paved trail at Becklin Homestead County Park. The Friends of Anderson Park will discuss options of a paved trail at Anderson Park.
 2. 2021 Budget Proposal – The proposed budget was reviewed with an additional \$3,632 requested over current budget.
 3. Per Diems.
- H.** Next Meeting Scheduled for **Tuesday, August 25th, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. Vegsund Family County Park**
- I.** Anderson motioned, Merrill seconded to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Submitted by,
Barry Wendorf – Isanti County Parks Director