

ISANTI COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
5:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
ISANTI COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
555 18<sup>th</sup> AVE SW, CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008

**Proposed Agenda**

- A. Call to Order / Introductions
- B. Elect Chair & Vice Chair
- C. Public Comment
- D. Approval of Agenda
- E. Approve Minutes of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Meeting
- F. Up-to-Date Budget Report through December 2025
- G. Bills & Invoices
- H. Director's Report
  - 1. 2025 Annual Park Report
  - 2. Programs & Events
  - 3. Parks Maintenance Worker Position
- I. Other Business
  - 1. Phase I Development - Springvale Park
  - 2. Wildlife Photography Special Use Permit Request
  - 3. Friends of Anderson Park Group Structure Transition
  - 4. Cambridge Park Board Ex-Officio Member
  - 5. Per Diems / Conflict of Interest Compliance Statement
- J. Next Meeting – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 5:00 pm
- K. Adjourn

DRAFT – THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 5:00 P.M.**

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Voting Members Present: Adam Curtis, Bill Berg, Susan Blom, Hazel Erikson, Carol Urness, Tom Schibilla, Luke Merrill, Bob Shogren, Bob Betsinger, Amy Peterson

Voting Members Absent: Lee Kingsbury

Staff Present: Barry Wendorf

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

**B.** Public Comment – None

**C.** Agenda – Blom motioned, Peterson seconded to approve the amended agenda. **Motion carried.**

**D.** Minutes – Shogren motioned, Peterson seconded to approve the October 28<sup>th</sup> Park Board Minutes as amended. **Motion carried.**

**E.** Budget Report – Blom motioned, Urness seconded to approve October 2025 Budget Report. **Motion carried.**

**F.** Bills & Invoices – Shogren motioned, Blom seconded to approve bills & invoices for the month of October (\$93,250.57). **Motion carried.**

**G.** Director's Report

1. Programs & Events – Intro to dog sledding will be held at Anderson Park on January 10<sup>th</sup> through the Little Wilderness Program. Date for fat tire bike race to be determined, as well as winter trail day events.
2. Parks Maintenance Worker Position – Applications open now, closes December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anticipated that new hire would start after the first of the year.
3. Vegsund Park Buckthorn – Contracted with Natural Resource Services to complete 20 ½ acres of foliar spray management. Will need to follow up with management for the next couple of years through a formal bid process.
4. Park Visitor Numbers were reported.

**H.** Other Business

1. Phase I Development Springvale Park – Parking lots and play area completed. Restroom is out for bid. Signage and electricity will be done in the spring.
2. Phillip G. Nyman Property – Boundary survey completed, and signs posted. DW Companies have cleaned the site. Staff seeded disturbed areas. Letter was sent to neighboring property owners.
3. Wildlife Photography Special Use Permit Request – Mike Patten, professional photographer who is licensed with the state, would like to do camera trapping. Similar to trail cameras, they're purpose is to capture wildlife in its natural state. Parks department would be able to use images for any purpose. Equipment left in the park would be his liability. Board members had questions about property rights being shared, remote viewing, and what happens if people are photographed. It was discussed that signs could be posted at the entrance that park goers are subject to being photographed. Patten would like to do it for one month or longer, potentially three months. Spring and fall are preferred. A Special Use Permit will be drafted for review.
4. 2026 Fee Schedule – Shogren motioned, Blom seconded to continue with \$80/4 hours shelter fee and No fee for nonprofits. **Motion carried.** Merrill, Peterson voted Nay
5. Per Diems

**I.** Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. at **Isanti County Government Center**

**J.** Adjourn - Peterson motioned, Curtis seconded to adjourn meeting at 6:46 pm. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by, Barry Wendorf - Isanti County Parks Director