

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016 – OFFICAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Dee Zajicek called the Park Board meeting of January 26, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Dee Zajicek, Mat Boie, Tom Gleason, Abby Strehlow, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek and City Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud. Also in attendance were Mayor Kauffman, Sandy Greninger Director of FYCC, Hanover Youth Ball Board, and Bill Rosso from Hanover Athletic Association. Arlee Anderson was absent.

New Member Introductions and Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was stated by Strehlow.
Strehlow was welcomed by the Park Board.

Selection of Officers

Gleason nominated Mat Boie for the position of Chair, accepted by Boie. Gleason nominated Dee Zajicek for the position of Vice Chair, accepted by Zajicek. Boie is appointed 2016 Chair and Zajicek appointed Vice Chair.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Gleason to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Boie. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from November 24, 2015 Meeting

MOTION by Boie to approve the minutes from November 24, 2015, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

Mayor Chris Kauffman asked the Park Board to look into the section of the Park Board bylaws that address their power and duties related to improvement to the parks. He expressed appreciation for the work they have been doing. He would like them to help develop and maintain the comprehensive plan for Hanover Parks. He also inquired on the uses of the Park Dedication fees and what those could be used for. Kauffman also stated he had a contact for a company that builds sport courts and would like someone from the Park Board to contact them and look into the costs involved.

Kauffman further asked if someone on the Park Board could work to build a better relationship between the City and the Hanover Athletic Association. He also asked if the Park Board could look into a volunteer database for the City.

Unfinished Business:

Movie in City Hall

The movie was held on January 23rd, the attendance was low, around 30 people, most of which were from the Nighthawks.

Update on Survey

Lindrud stated that 134 paper surveys have been returned to City Hall. Dee Zajicek stated 9 were completed online. There was a lot of good feedback and comments; once the survey is closed on February 29th an article will be written with the findings for the April newsletter.

New Business:

FYCC – Hanover Open Streets

Sandy Greninger, Director of the Family Youth Community Connections (FYCC) gave a background on the Open Streets program. The event aims to promote healthy families and connect the community with resources related to obesity, mental health care, domestic violence and other organizations. Greninger stated that it takes more than a year to organize, if Hanover wanted to hold an Open Streets event, they would need to plan for 2017. She stated the committee should try to get a representative from Park Board, Hanover Athletic Association, a Hanover business owner and a school board member if possible.

Settler's Park Ball Field Redesign

Tom Therrien, Chair of the Hanover Youth Ball, gave a background on the Hanover Youth Ball Organization and the money they received from the MN Twins and the Hanover Athletic Association to build a new ball field in Settlers Park. The main concern to both Hanover Youth Ball and the Hanover Athletic Association is related to some trees that will need to be cut down. He stated there are eleven 200 year old oak trees and five of them will need to be cut down. In the past there has been some

concern from residents about cutting down the trees. Discussion took place around whether there were alternative layouts that could be used to avoid cutting the trees down.

There are deadlines for the funds from the MN Twins, it must be used this year. Therrien stated that they would like for the trees to be cut down in February, before they start budding out and then construction of the fields would take place later in July-September.

MOTION by Zajicek to show support form Park Board for the Settlers Park ball field redesign coordinated by the Hanover Athletic Association and Hanover Youth Ball, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Budget & Overview of Planned 2016 Event Dates

Reading in the Park - Reading in the Park will take place on Thursdays at 9:30 starting June 16th for 7-8 weeks depending on where 4th of July falls. Jim Zajicek inquired what the costs are related to for Reading in the Park. Greninger stated the costs are related to supplies, she has been having activities related to the books as well. The books handed out to the children average \$2.25 each, she offers a variety of books for different age and interest ranges.

Easter Egg Hunt 3/26/16 - Discussion took place around moving up the March meeting to prepare for the Easter Egg hunt. Lindrud will ask for Anderson's checklist for the event.

Concert in the Park 6/18/16 - Lindrud will verify that the Whitesidewalls have been booked for 6/18/16. Zajicek stated that she and Strehlow can head up organizing the Concert in the Park. Abby Peterson had provided a checklist to Park Board.

Zoomobile – Gleason stated he will book the Zoomobile for mid-July.

Family Walk/Bike Day – Discussion took place around whether to hold Movie in the Park or replace it with a new event. Based on the initial survey results there was interest in having Family Walk or Bike day. Boie stated he will start organizing that event for the 2nd or 3rd weekend in August.

Reports:

Gleason:

- Asked for an update on the Lions Head. Lindrud stated it is in storage until Spring.

Zajicek:

- Stated that she may have to step down from Park Board before her term ends.

Lindrud:

- Stated that name tags have been ordered for all Park Board Members and that a name plate for Abby Strehlow has been ordered.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn by Strehlow to adjourn at 9:49 p.m., seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Lindrud, Accountant/Deputy Clerk