

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mat Boie called the Park Board meeting of March 22, 2016 to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were Mat Boie, Dee Zajicek, Tom Gleason, Abby Peterson, Abby Strehlow, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek and City Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud.

Approval of Agenda:

Boie requested to add item 6a to new business – Reservation system for park fields and to adjust the other items down accordingly.

MOTION by Peterson to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2016 Meeting

MOTION by Gleason to approve the minutes from February 23, 2016, seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

No one was present to address the board in the open forum.

Unfinished Business:

Easter Egg Hunt 3/26/16 – Final Event Details

Peterson stated that Jim and Carol Hautala have volunteered to help on Saturday. Discussion around placement of bins for empty eggs both inside and outside of City Hall. Coffee and donuts will be inside City Hall. Gleason stated he will contact the Fire Department to request use of their megaphone. The Board members agreed to have a staggered start for each age group and to announce the names of donors at the start of the event. Zajicek requested a list of the donors from Lindrud and stated she will send Lindrud an updated handout to print off for the event. The Board stated that members and volunteers will arrive between 7:30 and 8:00am to set up the event.

Settlers Park Ballfield Redesign Update

Boie stated that he visited the ballfield and is not worried about the trees that would be removed. Zajicek stated that she is worried about the opportunity cost of not going ahead with the ballfield.

MOTION by Peterson for Hanover City Council to support the Settlers Park Ballfield Redesign as presented, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Zajicek to recommend that the trees removed be replaced by other trees or shrubs, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Boie to recommend to Hanover City Council to resume talks with the Hanover Athletic Association to lease the new ballfield, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Update from Hanover Athletic Association Liaison Gleason

Gleason gave an update on the Hanover Athletic Association meeting. He stated he was welcomed to the meeting. He further stated that related to the ballfield redesign, the HAA has concern over the cost, Youth Ball has not shown HAA solid bids for the project yet. Gleason stated HAA is concerned they will agree to one amount and it won't be enough. Gleason stated he has already relayed this information to Youth Ball.

New Business:

Reservation System for Parks

Boie stated that the City has a system in place for renting out the hall and shelter rentals and should the City look into putting a similar system in place for the playing fields.

MOTION by Zajicek to recommend to Hanover City Council to create a reservation system for the City playing fields, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Zajicek to recommend to Hanover City Council to allow non-profit organizations to reserve use of the City playing fields, seconded by Strehlow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Placement of Existing and Donated Soccer Nets

Boie stated that the City of St. Michael donated soccer nets to the City of Hanover. The Wright County Soccer Club would like to use the nets on the playing field in Mallard Park. He further stated there are currently two larger nets at the park and the Wright County Soccer Club would like to leave one large one at the field and have the other moved.

MOTION by Boie to recommend to Hanover City Council to have the donated soccer nets moved to Mallard Park, leaving one larger net and moving the other larger net to another park, seconded by Strehlow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Park Board Survey Recap article for Fall Newsletter

Lindrud stated that an article should be included in the Fall Newsletter recapping the Park Board Survey Results.

MOTION by Zajicek to review the Park Board Survey results at the May meeting, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

April Meeting – Annual Park walkthrough with Public Works

Lindrud inquired if the Board would like to be assigned parks to walkthrough and report back on at the April meeting. Discussion took place and the Board decided that they would prefer to do the walk through together and have Scott Vogel present. Boie also suggested a time limit per park and a checklist to keep everyone on topic. It was also suggested to have a start time of 6pm.

MOTION by Peterson to meet at 6:00pm for the April 26th, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Reports:

Gleason:

- Stated that he will call the Zoomobile back about dates. They have the City penciled in for 7/06/16.
- Asked for an update on the Historic Bridge. Lindrud stated that it was discovered that the timbers were varying sizes and Scott Vogel and Jason Doboszinski have spent the last two weeks milling the boards down to a consistent size. Lindrud further stated that the boards are being installed now and should be done soon. Liaison Zajicek stated that there are tire marks on the installed wood that should be cleaned off once construction is complete.

Strehlow:

- Stated that River Inn donated 25 free children's meals gift certificates for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Peterson:

- Stated that she will organize Concert in the Park.

Boie:

- Stated that he spoke with Stacey Besonen with Allina Health and is trying to get more information on if her events (bike rodeo and helmet giveaways) could take place in Hanover.

Lindrud:

- Stated that the Lion Head fountain should arrive in early April.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn by Peterson to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Strehlow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Lindrud, Accountant/Deputy Clerk