

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2014 OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 pm

The Regular Park Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2014, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Tom Gleason. Park Board members present were Abby Peterson and Mathew Boie. Also present were City Administrator Annita Smythe and Receptionist/Accounting Clerk Nancy Schmitz. Absent were Vice Chair, Arlee Anderson, Dee Zajicek and City Council Liaison Wendy Pinor.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Peterson to approve the agenda of June 24, 2014, as presented. Seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from June 24th, 2014 Regular Meeting:

MOTION by Gleason to approve the minutes from June 24, 2014, as presented. Seconded by Boie. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

No one was present to address the Park Board in the open forum.

Unfinished Business:

Zoomobile Update

Gleason reported the event went well with approximately 175 people in attendance and had received positive feedback. Good weather prevailed and the event was able to be held outside. Also discussed was future Zoomobile funding. Gleason will e-mail Schmitz a photo of the event.

Second Concert in the Park

Smythe reported the Park Board received \$2,000.00 from the Hanover Athletic Association for it's Concert in the Park. The White Sidewalls who performed at the 1st concert in the park did so at a cost of \$1,600.00. Smythe explained the Park Board now has a balance of \$400.00 left from the donation to cover the cost of a second concert. Peterson stated The White Sidewalls are probably the most expensive band booked. Members discussed the difficulties in hosting a January Concert in the Park and possibly a February date would work better. Smythe explained that January is when council appointments are made and probably not the optimum time of year. Other venue Ideas were discussed such as a reggae band or a Johnny Cash impersonator. Peterson will look into what types of bands are available for a February 2015 Concert.

Harvest Festival

Smythe reported that the current Hanover Harvest Fest board will be stepping down and that John Vajda has volunteered to chair the Hanover Harvest Festival as well as the 125th Anniversary Celebration for Hanover. She also stated council will be looking for some coordination with the Park Board. More specifically, giving time, talent or soliciting monetary donations from the public. Because these events are City events, they will need to be funded by donations. Smythe asked members to consider in what capacity the Park Board would like to participate. She assumes Council will be looking for some coordination and partnership from the Park Board. From a budget standpoint, the City cannot fund either of the events, but would be able to provide resources such as providing the public works staff for set up and take down. There was a consensus to speak with Mr. Vajda for more information on this subject.

Reading in the Park

Smythe commented that this is one of the most popular and highly attended events. The FYCC attracts many children, even when it rains. FYCC keeps track of how many kids are in attendance by how many books are distributed.

New Business:

Budget

Smythe reported that the City Council will be looking at a preliminary budget in August for finalization in September. She also explained the parks and FYCC programs are combined in the new accounting software system. Members discussed the 2014 park board events and their plans for 2015. The 2014 donations totaled \$5,100 and had a budget of \$5,700. Smythe stated the Park board was sitting very close to budget.

Community Garden

The Park Board will plan to have a joint session with the City Council to discuss goals and options for the Community Garden.

Reports and announcements

Smythe reported that FYCC moved their offices to downtown Albertville.

Adjournment

MOTION by Gleason to adjourn and seconded by Boie. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Nancy Schmitz, Receptionist/Accounting Clerk