

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD**

July 27, 2010

Approved

JIM MAHLER - CHAIR
TOM GLEASON – VICE-CHAIR
LISA MCGUNNIGLE

ABBY PETERSON
MELISSA THOMPSON
LIAISON – WENDY PINOR

Gleason called the regular Park Board meeting of July 27, 2010, to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were members Gleason, McGunnigle, Peterson and Mahler (arrived at 7:04 p.m.). Absent: Thompson. Also present were Liaison Pinor and Deputy Clerk Barker. Guests present included, but may not have been limited to: Leander Wetter, Mary Wetter and Paul Otto.

Call to Order

MOTION by Peterson, seconded by Gleason, to approve the meeting agenda of July 27, 2010 as presented.

Approval of Agenda

Voting aye: Peterson, Gleason and McGunnigle.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 3:0.

MOTION by Gleason, seconded by Peterson, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2010, regular meeting as written.

Approval of Minutes

Voting aye: Gleason, Peterson and McGunnigle.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 3:0.

Mahler resumed role as Chair.

Open Forum

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No one wished to be heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

'Spring Parks Walk Through'

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Mahler introduced the agenda item. Barker provided a status update on the list of items noted during the Spring Park Walk Through. She reported there were a few items that would be completed when the weather was cooler and less humid.

MOTION by Mahler, second by Gleason, to conclude the agenda item.

Voting aye: Mahler, Gleason, McGunnigle, and Peterson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Wetter Concept Plan (Park Vision)

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Mahler introduced the agenda item. Pinor inquired if the Park Board would like the Planning Commission to provide an overlay for the Park Board and then the Park Board could provide a vision to the Planning Commission. Peterson agreed with Pinor, stating that the Planning Commission would plan and the Park Board would have the overlay. Mahler stated he felt the Park Board should provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission. Gleason said he didn't have time. McGunnigle state that she would like the Park Board to have the vision.

Pinor inquired if the Park Board would like input from the Planning Commission or a possible joint group, couple of members from each board. Peterson asked

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if the Park Board read the City Planner's recommendation. Mahler stated the Planning Commission receives the Park Board's minutes. Pinor stated she just wanted to make sure the Park Board was comfortable.

Paul Otto stated the Park Board should look at the big picture. He asked what the larger picture was. He said he knew the Wetters want trails.

Pinor asked the Park Board if they knew what type of lot should be located in the park. Mahler replied that it should cover a widespread of ages, not necessarily a tot lot.

Peterson suggested keeping some land open, possibly renting it out for farming until there is a plan for the park.

Leander Wetter inquired who was going to control and/or own the open space. He said the City may have some control. Pinor clarified to the Park Board that the open space was set up through the conservation design. She said it was separate from the parks.

Peterson stated she would like to see the land left open in the corners to see where it may develop.

Pinor said the Planning Commission; through the conservation design process understands the greenway corridor and knows the topography.

Mahler stated there have been complaints from one development for a lack of playground equipment. Peterson felt the Park Board should think about the future and the number of parks in Hanover.

Gleason said it should start with the land.

Mahler said he felt a developer could sell more lots if there is a park.

Otto said the City Council and the Planning Commission need input from the Park Board. He clarified the Park Board agreed on open land. He said the developer is donating over the amount of open space required. He said that could be private property, belonging only to the homeowners.

Otto asked what the Park Board's input was. Mahler said he felt the Park Board was in agreement about no tot lots and the need for trails. Peterson added that the land should be on the edge so that it could be combined with future development. Mahler stated that the land be suitable for playing fields like soccer.

Otto suggested the Park Board consider a parking area.

Gleason stated he would like to see a field for open land and trails. Peterson concurred. McGunnigle agreed.

Pinor noted that there was also a lack of use of some parks. Peterson stated as kids get older they won't use the parks, only hang out.

Mahler said he felt the City would want control of the open space. Otto said

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there was a proposed 56 acres of open space. Pinor said the cost is to the City for maintaining. Wetter added that the trails may come through the open space.

Peterson said that maybe it will be a special park.

Otto recapped that the Park Board liked the open space and a separate area for a ball field. Pinor added that it abut next to another neighboring property.

MOTION by Peterson, second by Gleason, to recommend to the Planning Commission that proposed park land dedication be on the edge so that it could be combined in the future with additional park land dedication for potential soccer fields; the park land dedication be left open space; and to consider an area for parking.

Voting aye: Peterson, Gleason, and McGunnigle,
Voting nay: Mahler. Motion carried 3:1.

Mahler stated that he voted nay because he would like to see playground equipment.

Settler's Park Stage/Bandshell discussion

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discussion

Mahler introduced the agenda item. Peterson provided an update of the Settler's Park Stage/Bandshell. She explained the differences between the bandshell and the portable stage.

MOTION by Mahler, second by Gleason, to table the agenda item until the next meeting.

Voting aye: Mahler, Gleason, McGunnigle, and Peterson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Memorial Garden

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Mahler introduced the agenda item. Peterson provided an update of the Memorial Garden. She reported that all the proposed materials were being donated. She noted the work would start after the Hanover Harvest Festival.

Mahler inquired where the benches would go. Peterson replied the benched could be located anywhere.

McGunnigle asked what would happen with the packed rock. Peterson replied the rock would be removed and the area would be seeded.

MOTION by Mahler, second by Gleason, to table the agenda item until the next meeting.

Voting aye: Mahler, Gleason, McGunnigle, and Peterson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Capital Improvement Plan discussion

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Mahler introduced the agenda item. Gleason stated he would like to see tennis

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courts. Peterson reminded the Park Board that tennis courts ranked high on the survey that was taken a while ago.

McGunnigle stated that Frisbee golf is becoming popular.

Mahler listed off the top items from the survey: walking trails, playground equipment, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts, gazebos, skateboard park, and dog park.

Peterson added soccer fields.

Gleason questioned Twins tickets and mode of transportation. McGunnigle said there could be a sign up sheet. Gleason stated that he would look into it.

Peterson mentioned having karaoke in the park with a travelling trophy.

McGunnigle added having kickball tournaments.

NEW BUSINESS

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No new business.

Reports & Announcements

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Park Board Reports

Mahler

- No report.

Gleason

- Inquired about the Zoomobile turnout.

Peterson

- No report.

Thompson

- Not present.

McGunnigle

- No report.

Liaison Report

Pinor

- Nor present.

Staff Report

Barker

- Informed the Park Board that the mobile skateboard camp was canceled due to lack of required number of registrants.
- Reported that Public Works Dilley would be retiring in October.

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MOTION by Mahler, second by Peterson, to adjourn the July 27, 2010 Park Board meeting at 8:25 p.m. **Adjournment**

Voting aye: Mahler, Peterson, Gleason, and McGunnigle.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Melissa Barker, Deputy Clerk