

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2017 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mat Boie called the Park Board meeting of February 28, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chair Mat Boie, Tom Gleason, Abby Peterson, Abby Strehlow, Jeff Grupp, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek, and City Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud. Guests present were Michael Kehn, and John and Rachel Miller.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Peterson to approve the Agenda, seconded by Strehlow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2017

Peterson stated the date for Concert in the Park should be listed as June 29th, not June 22nd.

Gleason arrived at 7:03pm.

MOTION by Gleason to approve the minutes as amended from January 24, 2017, seconded by Grupp. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

Michael Kehn

Michael Kehn stated he is representing the Hanover Historical Society and that he came to Settlers Park on Saturday and noticed that someone has used silver spray paint on the five oak trees that are slated for removal. He contacted the Wright County Sheriff and filed a report and contacted City Administrator Brian Hagen to file a complaint and ensure that it was not a city employee who marked the trees. He stated that Hagen did respond that no one from the City had marked the trees.

Kehn also spoke to the funding of the Settlers Park Ballfield redesign and stated that the \$50,000 donation from the Hanover Athletic Association is still available and inquired if the Park Board would want to ask the Hanover Athletic Association if those funds could be used towards other park projects instead. He also explained that Marty Waters had met with the Three Rivers Park District to discuss the possibility of the ballfield being built at Crow Hassan Park Reserve.

Kehn requested more information on Peterson's comments that the Veteran's Memorial be placed at the front of the park. Peterson explained that she felt it should be front and center in the park as part of the memorial garden that is already in place at Settlers Park. Kehn inquired on the status of Boie's request to have a Park Board liaison with the Hanover Athletic Association. Boie explained that he has reached out to Stan Kolosa and they are still working on keeping an open line of communication. Gleason stated that the reason he was not asked back was due to his reading a statement that he thought represented the entire Hanover Athletic Association, but he later learned that it did not. Kehn stated that he measured the current T-Ball field and it will not fit in the location proposed by Hanover Youth Ball and the Hanover Athletic Association.

Kehn stated that the Historical Society would welcome a liaison from the Park Board and that Jeff Grupp would be a good candidate to help keep the lines of communication open between the two organizations.

Council Liaison Zajicek responded to Kehn's questions. He explained the \$50,000 donation was designated specifically for the Settlers Ball Field redesign, so the City is not able to allocate the funds to other projects. Zajicek also spoke to the request to Three Rivers Park District and it has been confirmed they will not be able to build a ballfield at Crow Hassan Park Reserve and will be sending a formal letter declining Hanover's request.

Peterson stated that she has been talking with nurseries about trees in the park. It has been brought up how the park has several ash trees that could succumb to the emerald ash borer and would like the Park Board to start thinking about adding some different trees to the park.

Kehn stated the Historical Society is concerned with the historical value, which is irreplaceable, of the oak trees. He also asked where the money for the ballfield lights will be coming from. Zajicek stated that for youth ball the lights are not necessarily needed.

Unfinished Business:

Ice Skating Event

Boie explained due to weather the ice skating event did not occur. He said there was a boot hockey group event that he would like to coordinate with for next winter.

Easter Egg Hunt

Gleason stated he will contact the Hanover Lions about the candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter eggs will be brought out at the March meeting to be filled.

Concert in the Park

Peterson booked the White Sidewalls for June 29th and has contacted the Hanover Athletic Association for the donation for the fee payment. Boie volunteered to hang posters around the City to advertise and Peterson will contact Miller Trucking for the stage.

Zoomobile

Gleason confirmed that the Zoomobile is scheduled for July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Bike Rodeo

Boie stated the event would be on hold until he can find an organization that will supply the bike helmets at no cost.

Float the Crow

Boie stated that Marty Waters said a similar event was held in conjunction with Three Rivers Park District in the past. He explained that Three Rivers Park District carried the insurance for the event. Lindrud will follow up and look for information on the event. Boie also stated that the Park Board could approach the Hanover Fire Department to see if they could use it as a training exercise to be onsite during the event. Grupp inquired if there is anyplace nearby that would rent canoes or kayaks for residents that would be interested in the event but did not have access to a canoe or kayak.

New Business:

John Miller – Eagle Scout Project

John Miller is an Eagle Scout and would like to make “Welcome to Hanover” signs for the City. Miller described the signs and showed a rendering of his initial ideas. He explained he would have eye hooks underneath so local organizations could hang signs for their events. He will make the signs out of maintenance free deck boards with cedar posts. The lettering would be stainless steel and he would have room for local organizations logos. Grupp inquired if the signs would be on private property, Miller stated that City Administrator Hagen will work with him on getting the needed easements. Peterson asked if the signs could be placed closer to the City’s border so they welcomed people as they first come into town. Grupp also inquired on the style of lettering and if anything could be added to the back of the sign that read “Thank You for Visiting”. Miller said that the main cost would be in the materials for the lettering, the fabricator is a relative and will be donating the labor. The Board Members all agreed it was a good project and asked if Miller could bring some samples of the materials dimensions and material list for review.

MOTION by Peterson to support John Miller in making two signs for Hanover, with the request that he bring further details and material samples to Council, seconded by Strehlow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Reports:

Grupp

- The Bridgewater Assisted Living facility is holding an open house tomorrow from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m..

Gleason

- Stated his wife, Stephanie, was unable to attend and asked him to read the following statements:
 - The majority of Hanover does not want or need the new ballfield.
 - There are currently seven fields in Hanover that can be used.
 - There are multiple other options the City can look at.
 - Corcoran is building a new ballfield that Hanover could utilize.
 - The Park Board survey showed that 70% of respondents felt the current ballfields meet the Hanover's needs.

Zajicek

- Council and Planning Commission will be starting work on the Comprehensive Plan.

Adjournment:

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

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Lindrud, Accountant/Deputy Clerk