

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2023 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Holslin called the Park Board meeting of February 28, 2023 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Dani Vetrano, Ben Brandhorst, Briana Rupenthal, Council Liaison Greg Zgutowicz, and Accountant Jackie Heinz. Guests present were Brian Thompson. Absent was Erik Schultz.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rupenthal to approve the Agenda, seconded by Vetrano. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2023

MOTION by Brandhorst to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rupenthal. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

Brian Thompson – 10116 Kaitlin Avenue

Thompson stated he is a member of the Hanover Youthball Board, there are over 350 kids involved in the program this year, they utilize the field in Settlers Park, there will be three teams using the field this year. Thompson stated Hanover Youthball is concerned with foul balls coming over the current fence and landed near the playground. Thompson continued to present pictures of different netting ideas to help with the problem. Thompson stated the Hanover Youthball feels netting would work best. Vetrano inquired how often the netting would need to be replaced, Thompson stated it is pretty resilient.

Thompson stated his wife Missy and himself were also at the February 7th council meeting and brought the issue to make them aware. Holslin stated we want to keep everyone safe. Thompson stated there has been lots of near misses, Youthball is unsure of where to start and would like help. Holslin inquired if this is an issue on other fields. Thompson stated only Settlers Park Field. Vetrano inquired when the first practice takes place, Thompson stated as soon as the snow melts. Heinz stated she could talk with Public Works and get their thoughts as well as look up who installed the original fence which is there and see if they install netting. Zgutowicz stated the council has good intentions on how to partner going forward, would love to talk and continue to learn.

Unfinished Business:

Easter Egg Hunt

Holslin stated Marty Waters has agreed to be the bunny once again and thanked Briana for getting all 7,000 pieces of candy. Heinz stated she has reached out to two 4H clubs, the Hanover Honeybees and Influence Church to help stuff the eggs. Vetrano stated Influence Church has offered to help set out eggs. Vetrano inquired if the hall was available for set-up the day before. Heinz stated she could check the rental calendar.

New Business:

Cardinal Park Sports Court

Heinz stated included in the packet is the newest proposal from WSB for the Cardinal Park Sports Court. As you'll notice the courts have been separated with pickle ball to the east and half basketball to the west. There is a trail coming from the south which will connect to the ball field. Heinz further stated the estimated costs are on the right side of the page, currently with contingency the total amount is \$366,640.000. Below those costs are estimates for benches, tables, shades and trees. These are items

which don't need to be decided as the Park Board can look at different options yet. Vetrano inquired if any memorial benches were coming in that could go there. Heinz stated no, not currently. Brandhorst stated it looks like it fits well. Holslin stated it looks good. Rupenthal stated the entire area will get used a lot. Brandhorst stated he gets asked about basketball courts in Hanover a lot. Heinz stated the basketball court will also have markings for four square and dodgeball. Vetrano inquired about fencing, Heinz stated it will be 8' around the outside of each structure. Vetrano inquired about lighting, Heinz stated there will be no lighting, it is light enough in the summer during the main use.

MOTION by Brandhorst to approve the layout from WSB for the Cardinal Park Sports Court, seconded by Rupenthal. **Motion carried unanimously.**

River Landing Trailhead Concept

Heinz referenced the picture of the River Landing proposed development map to show where in town the trailhead would be located. Heinz stated people wanting to access the trailhead would enter the development off of County Road 20 and proceed to the East where the parking lot is located. The picture of the trailhead shows the amenities which would be built at this point. Holslin stated he is concerned about road traffic and being that close to County Road 20. Brandhorst inquired where the snowmobile trail would move to, Heinz stated along County Road 20. Holslin stated he recommends no playgrounds to be included. Brandhorst suggested another archery range like the other park in town. Heinz stated the current intent is to keep this a natural area and not have playgrounds. Rupenthal some picnic tables and benches would be nice. Brandhorst stated possible river access for floating and fishing would be great. Board consensus, they are in support of the River Landing Feasibility concept.

Reports:

Zgutowicz

- Youthball attended the February 7th council meeting, wanted to make sure there wasn't a conflict with the June 14th concert in the park. Heinz stated Youthball is looking at starting one week later.
- There has been waste water talks with St. Michael, the ARPA funds which the city had wanted to use on a new park shelter, will be diverted to the waster water project.

Brandhorst

- Zoomobile has no timeline of then they will start back up, therefore can't schedule anything for this summer.

Heinz

- Is unable to attend the May 23rd meeting and would like to move it to May 30th and start that meeting at 5:30 pm for park walk thrus. Board consensus yes.

Holslin

- The Hanover Lions intend on donating to the concerts in the park again this year and will be selling popcorn.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Vetrano to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Brandhorst. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jackie Heinz, Accountant