

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2024 - OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Holslin called the Park Board meeting of February 28, 2024 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Briana Rupenthal, Faye Schnell, Benjamin Brandhorst and Erik Schultz

Also Present: Council Liaison Greg Zgutowicz, City Clerk/Assistant to City Administrator, Jenny Peterson, Autymn Norman and Riley Ellarson – U of M Environmental Policy Students

Selection of Officers:

MOTION by Holslin nominating Brandhorst as Chair, seconded by Schultz. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Holslin nominating Rupenthal as Vice Chair, seconded by Brandhorst. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2023

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

Open Forum:

Unfinished Business:

Bands in the Park

Discussion ensued regarding adding a band to the summer schedule. Consensus of the board was to add Shane Marting on June 27, 2024, from 6 pm – 8 pm for a cost of \$2000.

New Business:

A. Ski's Mobile Zoo

Peterson stated that the zoo would cost approximately \$500 per hour or \$2500 for the day. Discussion ensued regarding dates, cost and possibly joining the Bike Rodeo event or starting a new "Kids Night" event with the zoo, games and music. The board would like staff to gather further information from Mr. Sypnieski regarding dates and the cost per hour if it includes set-up and tear down time. Peterson will report back to the board at the March meeting.

B. Pollinator Garden

Autymn Norman and Riley Ellarson, University of Minnesota Environmental Policy students gave a presentation regarding creating a pollinator garden in one of the parks in Hanover. Discussion ensued regarding which park would have the best location, size of the garden, maintenance of the garden, funding/grant possibilities. The consensus of the board is they would love to have a pollinator garden established. The board asked Autymn to establish a plan for the garden and get pricing. Brandhorst will be communicating with Autymn regarding the process.

C. Easter Egg Hunt

Discussion ensued regarding having Influence Church assist with the egg hunt, prizes and candy purchases. Rupenthal will meet with Peterson on March 6, 2024 to do inventory and then purchase what is needed and return it to City Hall for Influence Church to pick up.

Reports:

Schultz – Nothing to report

Rupenthal – Researched Adopt-A-Park, there are several options from sponsorships to adopting and what exactly will be required. Rupenthal will bring a presentation to the March meeting.

Schnell – Presented options for signage for the parks, she will do research for pricing for the style the board chose. At the March meeting, there will be discussion on funding for the signage, i.e. grants.

Zgutowicz

- City has hired a Public Works Supervisor, received resignation of public works employee
- He is the liaison for Harvest Festival and will bring an update to the March meeting
- County Road 19 will start this summer, there will be 2 phases and will be a 2-year project, more information to come after the March Council meeting.


Brandhorst – nothing to report

Peterson – nothing to report

Adjournment:

MOTION by Holslin to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Schnell. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:



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