

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
APRIL 26, 2016 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mat Boie called the Park Board meeting of April 26, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mat Boie, Dee Zajicek, Tom Gleason, Abby Peterson, Abby Strehlow, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek, City Administrator Brian Hagen, Public Works Supervisor Scott Vogel, and City Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud. Guests present were Councilman John Vajda, Linda and Dean Ecklund, Marty and Vonnie Waters, Claudia Pingree, Janet McDaniel, Stan Kolasa, Brenda and Bryan Arthur, and others.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2016 Meeting

Zajicek asked that a typo be fixed from tress to trees. Gleason that the Zoomobile was tentatively scheduled for 7/06/16, but has now been finalized with a date of 7/14/16.

MOTION by Zajicek to approve the minutes as amended from March 22, 2016, seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

Marty Waters

Marty Waters addressed the Park Board about the new ballfield redesign. He thanked the Park Board for having a presentation on the ballfield redesign. He stated he would like to advocate for the trees. He also inquired as to how information around the tree removal was being communicated and if other options were being considered before taking the trees down. City Administrator Hagen stated that he would be giving a presentation on the ballfield redesign and the trees impacted that could answer many of the audiences questions and if they could hold their questions until then.

Unfinished Business:

Settlers Park Ballfield Redesign Informational Presentation

City Administration Hagen gave a history of the ballpark redesign discussions that dated back to 2013, he further detailed out discussions that occurred at two Park Board meetings and three Council meetings. Hagen explained the current design and gave a description of the approved redesign plans.

Vonnie Waters inquired what the plan was to avoid damage to the remaining trees. Hagen stated the type of construction would be minimal, he further stated that he didn't feel there would be much soil dug up near the remaining trees, but more soil may need to be added. It would be feathered in so it would not damage the tree. Waters asked what experts were being brought in, what size and kinds of trees were being planted, and what is the plan for the park. Hagen stated the City has not had an expert come in, but is aware there are many residents with knowledge. He stated there would be approximately 12 replacement trees, types have not been discussed yet, but the intent is to also use the trees to screen the park from the industrial park. Hagen stated the area would still remain open to the public. Vonnie asked if the grant funding was driving the new ballfield or betterment of the community. Zajicek stated it was for the betterment of the community. She further stated that the Park Board sent out a survey in January to solicit input from residents on how to improve the parks to help guide their decisions so they benefit the majority of the community. Further discussion took place around the value of the shade the trees provide and the use families get from the green space. Zajicek and Peterson stated they took this decision seriously and requested further information from Youth Ball after their January presentation. The Board has walked out to the field and looked at the trees and have been discussing the ballfield design since January. Boie and the Board thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt 3/26/16 – Recap

Boie stated that the volunteers did a great job and Gleason added that he felt it was the best one so far. Boie stated the Easter Eggs are back in storage. Zajicek stated that Liaison Zajicek received another large donation of prizes from Cub Foods for next year.

Concert in the Park 6/16/16

Peterson explained that the down payment has been sent in and she has already contacted Mark to bring the stage over. Boie will contact the Lions, Bankwest, and Hanover Elementary School to advertise on their signs. Lindrud will contact Crow River

News to have the event advertised in the newspaper. Vogel and Peterson discussed placement of the stage and where the band will be able to have access to power. Gleason noted that the date on the agenda was incorrect; it should be 6/16/16.

Park Comp Plan Update

Lindrud explained that during next month's Park walk-through, Board Members should focus on future park development and replacement of old playground equipment. She stated there currently are not funds in the Park Capital fund, but reviewing the Comp Plan will guide staff in determining what funds should be set aside for future maintenance of the park equipment. Vogel added that some of the parks are getting older and the equipment dated.

Update from Hanover Athletic Association Liaison Gleason

Gleason stated the HAA discussed and approved the Settlers Ballfield redesign and it was a spilt vote. He further stated that Mayor Kauffman was also at the meeting and answered questions on the HAA leasing the ballfield from the HAA, the lease would be for 99 years for one dollar.

New Business:

Replacement Options for Park Borders

Vogel gave an update on the maintenance of the park playground borders. He explained that some are wood timbers and others are a plastic timber that can be damaged or require replacement. Vogel stated he would like the Park Board to consider replacing these borders with a concrete curbing, which are maintenance free. Vogel also stated he has been looking into pea gravel to replace the woodchips. Lindrud stated the curbing is another item to keep in mind for the Park Comp Plan.

MOTION by Peterson to recommend if park borders need to be replaced, the City install concrete curbing moving forward, seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously**

Purchase of Easter Bunny Suit

Peterson stated that since there are extra donated funds to be used for the Easter Egg Hunt, she would like to purchase a new Easter Bunny Suit for the Easter Egg hunt. Peterson stated she found a suit online for \$124 and would like the City to make the purchase.

MOTION by Strehlow approving the purchase of an Easter Bunny Suit, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously**

Allina Bike Rodeo

Boie stated that he has been in discussions with Stacy Besonen with Allina to have a bike rodeo on Hanover. He explained St. Michael has one in May and Albertville has one in the fall. Boie would like to have on mid-summer so it does not overlap with St. Michael or Albertville's event. He stated there is no cost to the City, it is all volunteer based, they have a mechanic available for free bike tune ups and hand out free bike helmets for kids. The Board agreed to a tentative date of July 23rd.

Reports:

Gleason:

- Gave an update on the sport court costs, he spoke with a representative at Dermco-LaVine and was given an estimate for \$45,000-50,000 for one court. He stated the estimate was high, as the company did not know the landscape and construction would take six weeks.
- Inquired on the status of the Lion Head drinking fountain. Lindrud stated it was delivered Monday afternoon.

Strehlow:

- Stated that Jodi from River Inn wanted the Park Board to know she is willing to donate if they ever need anything for events.

Zajicek:

- Asked the Park Board to attend next Tuesday's Council meeting if they are able too.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn by Peterson to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Zajicek. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Lindrud, Accountant/Deputy Clerk