

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
May 28, 2013 - OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.

The Regular Park Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 28, 2013 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Park Board members present were Chair Melissa Thompson, Abby Peterson, Tom Gleason, and Arlee Anderson. Absent was member Andrew Starner and City Council Liaison Wendy Pinor. Also present were Public Works Lead Worker Scott Vogel and Interim City Administrator Bob Derus.

Set Agenda

MOTION by Thompson to approve the agenda of May 28, 2013 as presented, with the addition, under New Business, of a discussion of the Ice Rink, seconded by Gleason. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of March 26, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION by Thompson to approve minutes of March 26, 2013 as presented, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum:

No one was present to address the Park Board in the open forum.

Unfinished Business:

Summer Events

Confirmation of Event Dates and Times - Event Coverage/Attendance

The Board discussed the following issues related to summer events:

- There was a question about the Easter Hunt expenses of \$370.15. Derus will check it out and report back to the Board.
- Is \$686 the cost of the two movies?
- Went over the list of those that will be reading for Readers in the Park.
- Vogel will get signs up for Movie Night.
- Thompson is taking care of advertising for Movie Night.
- The dates of Movie in the Park were clarified to be June 22 and August 24.
- There was a question about the movies, which staff will clarify.
- Gleason volunteered to work the Zoomobile event.
- Peterson volunteered to work the June 22 Movie in the Park
- Anderson will work the 8-24 Movie in the Park and possibly Starner.
- There was a discussion about having a band before the 6-22 Movie in the Park. Peterson reported that the White Sidewalls are available for 1.5 hours for \$1,500. After a considerable discussion including; how the transition from a concert to a kid's movie would work; should there be a Beer Garden; if we can get the \$1,500 in donations; if there is adequate electric service; etc., the Board decided to hold off on the event.

MOTION by Thompson to table consideration of a Concert in the Park until September, seconded by Gleason. Motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion, the Board decided to have a concession stand for Movie in the Park. Peterson will purchase concessions. Gleason volunteered to organize volunteers for Movie in the Park concession stand, including at least one adult for each event. Derus will get the sound system (FYCC is allowing the Park Board to use theirs) and have it ready to go by Friday afternoon in City Hall.

New Business

Spring Walk-through of Parks Report

Scott Vogel presented a list of parks with planned maintenance for the summer. The Board briefly discussed the list and thanked Scott.

Community Garden Update

Vogel asked the Board what the plans are for the Community Garden. He said he's been asked to have it irrigated but wonders what the long term plans are. Peterson explained that improvements have been done on an annual basis based on the budget that they can get approved by the City Council. There is no plan, but Peterson briefly went over the history and explained that she and Dawn Spraugel have been working on it for a number of years. The idea of having a concept plan drawn up was suggested; this would give everyone an idea of what the ultimate build-out will look like and would make it better for planning irrigation and underground utilities.

The discussion of the Community Garden also included an update of the recent discussions with the Athletic Association about moving the small pleasure rink near the Community Garden to the adjacent existing Hockey and pleasure rink on the Athletic Association's complex. Derus explained that the City Council and Athletic Association had a very productive meeting and that everyone agreed to that general plan. The Park Board was very supportive of this collaborative effort. The Council and Athletic Association also discussed possibly developing ball fields on the 10 acres the city owns on 5th Street.

Hand Sanitizers in the Park Facilities – Missy Thompson

There was a discussion about what happened to the hand sanitizers in the Porta-potties. Vogel explained that when they had them they were frequent targets for vandalism. After a brief discussion, the Board was OK with the City not having sanitizers.

Dogs on the Ball Fields – Cardinal Circle Park – Missy Thompson

The Park Board briefly discussed signs for the parks to remind residents to clean up after their dog in the park. Vogel explained that he had ordered 8 signs, which the Park Board thought would help.

Reports:

Thompson mentioned there are advertising signs on the outfield of the City Ball Park in Settlers Park. Staff noted that Council had recently discussed the concept of this and the City would be amending the sign ordinance to allow it.

Thompson also asked for an update of staffing at City Hall. Derus explained the staffing changes since last August.

Adjourn:

MOTION by Thompson to adjourn at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Gleason. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Bob Derus, Interim City Administrator