

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
JULY 25, 2017 – DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mat Boie called the Park Board meeting of June 27, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chair Mat Boie, Abby Peterson, Tom Gleason, Abby Strehlow, Council Liaison Zajicek, and City Accountant/Deputy Clerk Jackie Heinz. Guests present were Matthew Bedsted and Janet McDaniel. Grupp was absent.

Approval of Agenda:

Peterson added item 6c – Discussion of Ballfield Trees

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

Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2017

MOTION by Peterson to approve the minutes from June 27, 2017, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

Janet McDaniel passed out information with landscaping ideas for the northwest area of Settlers Park, or the area behind the new center field fence. She explained with so much area you could incorporate a focus on learning and education. McDaniel also stated garden centers will often exchange product for advertising to help keep costs down. McDaniel added the wood from the trees that were cut down could be used to make items. Peterson stated the trees that were cut down were bought by an individual and not available.

Zajicek stated 5 trees were cut down and they will be replaced with 15 new trees. The City is looking at bundling the purchase of the trees with the ones needed for the new public works building.

McDaniel suggested low maintenance as no garden is maintenance free. She is aware Public Works doesn't want to mow or maintain any part of the area.

Peterson talked with Dave from Schulte's Greenhouse, he suggested laying down wood chips and allowing natural growth until a final landscaping plan is decided. McDaniel agreed with this. Peterson stated Dave from Schulte's Greenhouse also has park grade trees available for 25 – 30% less cost. Peterson stated Dave said it would be a good idea to bundle the purchase with Public Works.

Zajicek suggested to start planting the back row, allow it to grow in, plant the next row and allow to come in and so on.

Boie stated these are all awesome ideas and it's a great start. Next step is to get a plan. Boie thanked Janet McDaniel for the great list and suggested Peterson meet with Dave from Schulte's and walk the park.

Unfinished Business:

Concert in the Park Recap

Peterson stated there was roughly 300 people in attendance. She polled a variety of people of different ages and they all stated they enjoyed the band and music. Peterson will write a thank you letter to M. Miller Truck & Trailer Repair for use of the trailers and the Hanover Athletic Association for the donation for the event.

Zoomobile Recap

Gleason stated the Zoomobile was great. The presenter was energetic, loud, very enjoyable and informative. This was the 2nd year of not being under the shelter and it went well.

New Business:

Presentation by Matthew Bedsted for Eagle Scout Project

Bedsted would like to install Bluebird Houses in Eagleview Park, Pheasant Run Park and Settler's Park. The houses would be made of cedar, opens from the side for clean out and be mounted on a 7' pole where 2' is in the ground and 5' is above ground.

Boie asked about maintenance for the houses and clean out. Bedsted stated the houses would need to be cleaned out in the fall if he wasn't available. Maybe there was a group available to help. Peterson recommended having the younger kids in the scout group to perform the fall maintenance. Boie suggested it's something that could be passed down. Bedsted said he would inquire.

Peterson stated it would be nice to watch the birds in the community garden.

Bedsted stated he is asking for donations to cover the costs of the material.

Boie inquired about the raccoon guard. Bedsted stated he is unsure of installing it at this point. Some birds may not use the house if the guard is installed.

Gleason suggested moving the house closest to City Hall closer to the path so as to not interfere with the layout of the Harvest Festival.

Zajicek inquired if it will hinder the birds from using the houses being they're located next to the walking path. Bedsted stated they wouldn't face the path.

MOTION by Peterson to recommend Matthew Bested's Eagle Scout Project to the Council for final approval, seconded by Gleason.

Motion carried unanimously.

Set Dates / Events for 2018

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday March 31, 2018

Zoomobile – Wednesday July 18, 2018

Bike Rodeo – Tentatively set for Saturday May 19, 2018

Concert In the Park – Thursday June 21, 2018

Heinz was asked to inquire and clarify how to get donations for events.

New Ball Field Landscaping

This item was discussed during the Open Forum.

Reports:

Strehlow

- Has a \$50 River Inn gift card, Peterson suggested exchanging it for 5 - \$10.00 gift cards to use at future events.

Gleason

- 4 more signed up for Float the Crow, now up to 12 participants. Suggested changes to Reading in the Park be approved through the Park Board.

Boie

- Contacted Three Rivers Park, they are currently working on the master comp plan and Boie asked to be included in future correspondence and updates.

Zajicek

- Sod is complete in the new Ball Field, public works will be working to fill in the divots from settling.

Heinz

- Zoomobile received one thank you e-mail and 2 comments on Facebook for having the event.
- Invited everyone to partake in events for the Harvest Festival and enjoy the day. If you have time to donate it's always welcome.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn by Peterson to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jaclyn Heinz, Accountant/Deputy Clerk