

**CITY OF HANOVER  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
JULY 25, 2023 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Holslin called the Park Board meeting of July 25, 2023 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Dani Vetrano, Ben Brandhorst, Briana Rupenthal, Council Liaison Greg Zgutowicz, and Accountant Jackie Heinz. Absent was Erik Schultz. No guests present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes from May 30, 2023**

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

**Open Forum:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

**Cardinal Sports Court Progress Update**

Heinz stated dirt work is continuing to progress, poles were being set today for the fencing, next is concrete which will need to cure for 30 days.

**New Business:**

**Pumpkin Event: October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Heinz stated Rutgers will need to be contacted for the pumpkins. Rupenthal stated 100 should be enough. Holslin stated he would reach out to Dee Ruter. Rupenthal stated decorating supplies are good, not a lot was used last year. Heinz stated she did inventory of supplies and agreed. Vetrano inquired about the number of trophies, Heinz stated she will check on inventory and report back.

**Set Event Dates for 2024**

Heinz stated the Easter Egg Hunt will be the day before Easter which will be Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Brandhorst stated for the Bike Rodeo we should incorporate a trail ride, perhaps from Cardinal Park to Beebe Lake Park and back, the chalk drawings don't draw people. Vetrano suggested riding from Settlers to Pheasant Park to Mallard Park. Zgutowicz suggested rethinking the name of the event. Brandhorst stated to emphasize that summer is coming.

Bike Rodeo will be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Discussion regarding having one or two concerts in the park per month, should dates be pushed back, and having warm up bands.

**Concert in the Park Dates:**

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Pumpkin Event will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:00 am

The board went through the band list distributed by Heinz, discussion regarding types to hire, consensus to contact all bands for pricing and dates for 2024.

### **2023 Budget to Date & 2024 Budget Discussion**

Heinz referred to the second page of the packet, stating expenditures to date compared to budget, the only costs to come in are the August Concert in the Park and Supplies for the Pumpkin Decorating Event, so should come in under budget for the year. Heinz then referred to the third and fourth pages of the packet showing the balance of the charitable gambling fund, stating the current balance is just under \$32k which would support two years of park board events. Heinz further stated she'd like to discuss early budget numbers for 2024 for all events.

Rupenthal stated punch cards and raffle prizes would be great for the bike rodeo event. Rupenthal further stated candy was expensive last year for the easter egg hunt. Vetrano stated prizes will be needed as well. Rupenthal stated the Easter egg hunt is the largest event besides the concerts in the park. Zgutowicz suggested beginning to count how many people attend events. Brandhorst agreed, stating a clicker at the door could be used.

Board consensus for 2024 Preliminary Budget:

FYCC – Reading in the Park	8,550
Easter Egg Hunt	1,500
Bike Rodeo	500
Concerts in the Park	8,500
Zoomobile	450
Pumpkin Decorating	<u>500</u>
Total	20,000

### **Reports:**

#### **Zgutowicz**

- The council attended a goal setting session. Goals were set and #4 refers to having parks and amenities to meet the needs of the community, this includes quality & modernize parks, connecting the trail system, making Hanover a destination place.
- Was recently on vacation in South Dakota and saw two items the Park Board should think of – permanent corn hole boards and fix your bike stations.
- The council decided to hold off on the pet waste stations until Public Works is fully staffed.

#### **Heinz**

- Staff was able to purchase a saddle spinner for \$400 from an Alzheimer's Fundraiser

### **Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rupenthal to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Brandhorst. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

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Jackie Heinz, Accountant