

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
JULY 26, 2022 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Grupp called the Park Board meeting of July 26, 2022, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jeff Grupp, Dani Vetrano, Alex Holslin, Benjamin Brandhorst, Council Liaison Mike Amery, City Planner Cindy Nash and Accountant Jackie Heinz. Scott Jamison was present via phone conference. Guests present were Karla Dunham and Tom Gonyea.

Oath of Office – Benjamin Brandhorst

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2022

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

Open Forum:

None

Minutes Do Not Follow the Agenda Per the Chair

Unfinished Business:

Recap of Concert in the Park: June 12th Concert

Holslin stated the concert went as good as expected, it was nice they stayed and did the acoustic. Grupp stated Bryce stayed until 9 pm and did the acoustic session for 50 – 60 people, the food vendors also stayed. Grupp stated it was a great event and the vendors were happy.

Reptile Petting Zoo

Heinz stated she tried to get in contact with the Reptile Petting Zoo, leaving multiple messages and a couple e-mails, but no one got back to her. She will keep trying.

New Business:

Schendel Farm Concept Plan

Nash stated the enclosed concept plan is being reviewed by the Planning Commission and Council and is guided in two pieces. The southern portion will be industrial, and the northern will be residential, included in the packet is a copy of the comp. plan and the park dedication plan which shows there is future park planned in this area. Nash stated it's more of a neighborhood park, it was in the Park Dedication Study in 2018 and isn't set in stone. Nash stated wondering if the board still wants a park in that location, is the location of the park okay, looking for feedback. Nash further stated the park is roughly 2.5 acres in size, there is a road connection to the North to Esterly Oaks. Nash also stated in the concept plan the developer drew in a basketball court, tennis court, tot lot, swing set, landscaping and berming along River Road to give you an idea of what will fit in the area. Gonyea stated he is the developer of the site, the southern half will be industrial with plans for mini-storage and an open lot, and the northern being residential and a half acre being given to the Historical Society for future needs. Gonyea further stated the park dedication fee is \$3,272.00 per lot or 10% land dedication, there is no dedication required for the industrial portion. Gonyea stated he would like the park board to make a recommendation, the residents have stated there's a need and they've shown what is able to fit on the plan. Dunham stated she is with Centra Homes, and

they are designing a new product to fit zoning and smaller lot homes for first time buyers and small families. Dunham they're excited about the idea of a park in the development, the northern end of the site is desirable so that residents from Esterly Oaks have access as well. Dunham stated there are concerns about screening, the park is 215' away from the road with a 30' buffer area.

Grupp stated there is 84 homes, Dunham stated this is down from 94 homes. Grupp inquired if there were concerns about the speed limit, Nash stated there are no concerns about handling the traffic. Grupp stated there are a lot of gravel trucks and industrial park trucks. Holslin inquired if there would be another park to the West, Nash stated there would be no access from the North. Vetrano inquired if the park would be maintained by the city, Nash stated yes.

Grupp stated the advantage of the park is it's tied to a neighborhood and the sport court is a plus. Brandhorst stated it doesn't replicate the same amenities. Vetrano stated she likes the park, there are 10 less houses and park space. Holslin stated it's a nice site when you drive into the development. Gonyea stated this is a huge deal and a big plus, residents will love to have the park. Vetrano inquired if council has seen the concept plan, Nash stated council has not seen it, bringing it here first as the concept plan is non-binding, want feedback and good information to move forward with.

Vetrano inquired who pays for the equipment, Nash stated it's different per deal and can be negotiated. **MOTION** by Holslin to approve the Schendel Farm Concept Plan, seconded by Vetrano. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Nash left the meeting at 7:35 pm

Settlers Park Pickle Ball Court

The park board walked the areas which were measured as a possibility for a pickle ball court. Consensus of board that the proposed areas are tight and limited, best to move forward with a court at the proposed new park in Schendel Farm or Mallard Park.

Berm Discussion

Heinz stated Kevin Bursch came out and did some coring on the berm and found the samples to be not desirable. The material is variable and not desirable for his needs. Heinz stated after talking with Doboszanski, the city may have to pay to get rid of the berm. Heinz further stated the cost will have to be incorporated into the cost of the new shelter.

Community Garden: Bench Area Discussion

The park board walked the community garden and looked at the area to be discussed. Heinz stated the pavers are uneven and the plants are dying off and looking scraggly. Heinz further stated after talking with Doboszanski, they are suggesting taking the pavers out and put in a concrete pad that incorporates the 5 stamped pavers, take out the existing plants and use the existing hostas along the walking path to extend them along the rest of the path. Board consensus in agreement.

Amery left the meeting at 7:57 pm

Unfinished Business:

New Shelter Update

Grupp stated this is a new process for everyone, Scott and I met with Grady from Kinghorn, and they were given a list to do to make this project move forward. Jamison stated Kinghorn said they could do the project for under \$1M but coming close. Grupp stated changes include having public works do the

concrete work, larger patio area to grill and the building needs to be sprinkled. Grupp further stated it will cost \$160K for garage doors, suggesting having the bottom two panels be steel to help with kids kicking them and damaging them. Jamison stated we need to get a budget, need to get ground and soil tests. Grupp stated site prep needs to be completed, raw materials are extremely high, if he could look in a crystal ball he would bid in December / January when prices may start to drop. Grupp suggested putting a team together to work on and bring back to the board. Jamison inquired what the next steps are to move forward. Brandhorst inquired if we must go out for RFP, Heinz stated yes. Heinz further stated the entire building may have to be sprinkled. Grupp stated only the kitchen area should be sprinkled, Heinz stated she will clarify. Jamison stated Kinghorn just completed a project in Elk River / Anoka area, and they didn't have to sprinkle, it was a banquet kitchen / caterer kitchen.

Heinz stated to think about a screening / fence cost. Jamison inquired if that must be done right away, or could it be done one to two years down the road. Grupp stated it would be more picturesque, what do you want to be looking at. Grupp suggested putting a committee of two people together. After some discussion, Jamison and Brandhorst to make-up committee.

Jamison left the meeting at 8:18 pm.

New Business:

Concert in the Park: August 10th

Grupp stated Shane Martin will be performing, Heinz stated yes, he's confirmed. Grupp inquired if the food was lined up, Heinz stated yes. Grupp stated it will run from 5-8 pm, will be well attended, bring yard games.

Reports:

Grupp

- Have Park to Do List on Next Meeting

Adjournment:

MOTION by Vetrano to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Holslin. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jackie Heinz, Accountant