

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jeff Grupp called the Park Board meeting of August 25, 2020 to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Chair Jeff Grupp, Scott Jamison, Dani Vetrano, Leslie Murphy, Alex Holslin, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek and City Accountant / Deputy Clerk Jackie Heinz. No guests were present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2020

MOTION by Murphy to approve the minutes from July 28, 2020, seconded by Holslin. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

None

Unfinished Business:

Tot Lots for Mallard Park and Pheasant Run Park

Heinz stated there are 4 tot lot suggestions included in the packet. Two are the tot lots picked at the July meeting and the other 2 are suggested by Landscape Structures in Delano. Heinz further stated pricing and descriptions for the 4 tot lots. Vetrano inquired if the final options would be posted on the Facebook page for a poll, Heinz stated no, there has not been a good turn out for polls in the past. Grupp stated he asked a neighbor their opinion, they liked the 2 picked at the July meeting, he is wondering if the board as any input. Holslin inquired about the add-ons for the ones suggested by Landscape Structures. Heinz stated the add-ons are not included in the listed price; those would be additional costs. Vetrano stated she likes the two tot lots from the July meeting. Jamison stated you're getting more for the price on those two. Holslin stated he agrees with the two picked at the July meeting.

Discussion continued around color options for the Tot Lot at Mallard Park.

MOTION by Holslin to approve the purchase of the Toddlers Choice Tot Lot for Pheasant Run Park and Playshaper Tot Lot for Mallard Park, seconded by Vetrano. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

Pumpkin Decorating Event – October 10th from 1-3 pm

Grupp stated the pumpkins will cost \$1.00 per pumpkin from Rutgers, purchasing roughly 120 pumpkins total. Grupp inquired about purchasing decorating items such as pipe cleaners, eyes, glue, etc. Grupp suggested having participants pick up the pumpkins, decorate and send in pictures. Heinz stated the supplies left over from the Hanover Historical Society have been dropped off at City Hall. Holslin inquired about allowing only residents from Hanover to participate. Grupp stated the event is supported by FYCC and would not be limited to Hanover residents. Murphy suggested looking at the supplies on hand and including the supplies in a paper bag with a printed flyer telling the directions and due dates. Grupp stated there is a limited supply of decorations. Jamison suggested preparing pumpkins for the supplies we have or purchasing more supplies for the 120 pumpkins.

Grupp stated age groups need to be decided. Vetrano suggested 12 and under. Discussion continued about dates for pick up and completion. Board consensus to have pumpkins and decorations picked up on Saturday, October 10th, photos due on Saturday, October 17th, Pictures judged on Tuesday, October 27th at the Park Board Meeting and results announced on Saturday, October 31st.

Vetrano inquired the process if a parent requests 10 pumpkins. Grupp stated pumpkins should be limited to one per child. Jamison inquired about the division of age groups. Grupp stated 0-5, 6-9 and 10-12. Grupp further suggested getting gift certificates for prizes.

Concert in the Park 2021 with Mitch Gordon

Heinz stated she e-mailed Mitch Gordon regarding the 2021 Concert in the Park date and price. Heinz further stated Mitch normally charges \$2,500 - \$3,000 during the summer months with full production, since we wouldn't require lights, he came back with a price of \$2,000 for two hours of music. Grupp suggested hiring a small band to perform before Mitch Gordon for \$200 - \$300, such as Roadkill or another local band. Holslin agreed, for \$200 - \$300 that would be a great addition. Grupp stated push for people to come early and walk the classic cars and use the food vendors. Murphy agreed to pay \$2,000 to hire Mitch Gordon.

Grupp stated the Tuxedo Band had a good selection of music but was not always in tune. Grupp further stated the current budget for Concerts in the Park is \$2,325 and there was a good turnout for both concerts. Heinz stated the date should be discussed as Friday; August 20, 2021 is the same as Corcoran Country Days. Holslin suggested moving the date earlier. Zajicek inquired who attends other festivals in the area. Grupp stated \$2,000 is a large bill, with COVID we still took a chance on having the concerts and the turn out was good. Jamison suggested Friday, August 27, 2021 which is the first weekend of the State Fair. Heinz stated she would check the availability of the band for those dates.

Grupp inquired is any members listened to the Centerville All Stars. Jamison stated the vocals were not good. Heinz stated if you look outside for this time of year, this is how dark it is. If Mitch Gordon play from 6-8 pm will another band come to play from 4:30 – 5:30 pm? Grupp stated the two concerts we had did well.

MOTION by Murphy to book Mitch Gordon for \$2,000 and date to be determined, seconded by Vetrano.
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Recap of 2020

Heinz stated included in the packet is a recap of expenses paid out so far during 2020. Those expenses being Reading in the Park and the two concerts totaling \$9,300. Costs to come in would be for the pumpkin decorating event.

Preliminary Budget for 2021

Grupp went through the amounts suggested for each event. Zajicek inquired if there was inventory for Egg Hunt prizes. Vetrano stated donations have been given in the past as well. Grupp suggested getting candy after the upcoming Holidays to help stock. Zajicek stated stores want it gone, so that's a good time to stock up. Grupp suggested purchasing summer items now going on clearance. Grupp further suggested a \$50 budget for Bike Safety Day. Grupp further stated a budget of \$2,325 for two concerts in the park may not be enough since Mitch Gordon is \$2,000. Holslin agreed. Zajicek suggested having the concert on Friday, August 6th which would be the night before the Harvest Festival. Grupp stated food vendors would already be present and the stage would be in place but do not want to impose on the festival. Grupp suggested asking Mitch Gordon about both dates and talking to HHF Chair John Vajda. Grupp suggested a \$3,000 budget for concerts in the park. Heinz stated Big Bore has shown interest in doing a concert that night. Holslin stated a lot of people want more concerts.

Grupp inquired about the Passport to the Parks event, Vetrano suggested combining it with the Bike Safety Day. Jamison suggested not doing Passport to the Parks and replacing with a Medallion Hunt. Vetrano agreed. Murphy stated the board should pursue the idea. Grupp stated board members would write the riddles which is the most difficult part, Rockford has had a Medallion Hunt as well. Heinz suggested not placing medallion in each park, people would look for the medallion and watch the clues. Grupp suggested for example having

the final clue end them at Settlers Park, could Geocache as well, great ways to get people out to the parks. Heinz suggested a clue releasing a clue every other week. Vetrano suggested a \$100 gift card to the winner. Grupp inquired what people would look for. It would have to handle the weather and not stand out. Grupp suggested a budget of \$300 for the Medallion Hunt.

Vetrano suggested adding a picnic with mom in the park for Mother's Day. Holslin stated Schulte's could be involved somehow.

Reports:

Zajicek

- A new developer is looking at developing the pit across the road, there is no new park in the plans.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Jamison to adjourn at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Holslin. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jaclyn Heinz, Accountant/Deputy Clerk