

**CITY OF HANOVER  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Mat Boie called the Park Board meeting of September 27, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chair Mat Boie, Tom Gleason, Abby Peterson, Colleen Williams, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek, and City Accountant/Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Lindrud. Guests present were Stephanie Gleason.

**New Member Introductions and Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office was stated by Williams.  
Williams was welcomed by the Park Board.

**Selection of Officers**

Peterson nominated Tom Gleason for the position of Vice Chair, accepted by Gleason. Gleason is appointed 2016 Vice Chair.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Williams requested to add the Park Maintenance items to New Business.

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

**Approval of Minutes from July 26th, 2016 Meeting**

Williams inquired about the letter explaining the ballfield redesign referenced by Liaison Zajicek. Lindrud stated it was printed in the third quarter newsletter.

**MOTION** by Gleason to approve the minutes from July 26, 2016, seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Open Forum:**

**Stephanie Gleason**

Stephanie Gleason expressed concern over the decision to expand the Settlers Park Ballfield and remove the 150-year-old oak trees. She stated it takes away the open space in the park. She further explained she stopped by the park two weeks ago and saw several teenagers hanging out underneath the oak grove. She inquired if the City had collected data to make the decision and stated that the Park Board Survey showed that Settlers Park met the community's needs. She also stated there was feedback from hundreds of residents that do not want the trees to be removed. She explained there are multiple other options for ballfields, the Hanover Athletic Association can extend their current field or Hanover Youth Ball can utilize surrounding cities fields. She inquired why the Planning Commission had not reviewed the decision and stated that the land is still in use by the community.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Set Dates/Events for 2017**

Board Members discussed the dates for the events. The Bike Rodeo is tentatively set for Spring. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on 4/15/17, Concert in the Park 6/15/17, Zoomobile 7/19/17. Movie in the Park will not return, discussion took place around how late the movie would have to start and bugs being a deterrent.

**New Business:**

**Park Maintenance Discussion**

Williams thanked Public Works for adding new mulch in the parks. She stated that the gazebo in Mallard Park is in bad shape and has broken wood and needs to be stained. She further explained the drinking fountain at Pheasant Run Park is not working and inquired if drinking fountains could be added to all the parks. The Board explained that the addition of drinking fountains is an item on the comp plan that was reviewed during the park walk through in the spring. She also requested that hand sanitizer be added to the porta-potties.

Williams inquired on the status of the tree removal in Settlers Park and who would be removing them. She stated that to help the survival of the remaining trees its best to start construction in the winter, when the trees are dormant.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Williams to request to postpone removing the oak trees until winter, seconded by Gleason. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Reports:**

**Peterson**

- Inquired on the status of the Little Libraries. Lindrud stated that at this time they cannot be put in the parks, but the City will help promote them on private property via the City website and Facebook page. Lindrud further stated that the City does not have the staff to maintain the libraries.

**Boie**

- Stated he has been looking into the possibility of creating a park on the land near the Historic Bridge where the future switch back for the bike trail will be constructed.

**Lindrud**

- Updated the Board on the vandalism at Bridgeview Park and Settlers Park.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** to adjourn by Gleason to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Williams. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Lindrud, Accountant/Deputy Clerk