

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD
September 27, 2011
Approved**

MELISSA THOMPSON - CHAIR
LISA MCGUNNIGLE – VICE-CHAIR
ABBY PETERSON

TOM GLEASON
ANDREW STARNER
LIAISON – WENDY PINOR

Chair Thompson called the regular Park Board meeting of September 27, 2011, to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were members Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson. Also present were Liaison Pinor and Deputy Clerk Barker. Absent: Peterson. Guests present included, but may not have been limited to: John Vajda, Scott Wallace, Kelly Baltzell, Jason Bodey, and Elissa Phillips.

Call to Order

Thompson introduced the agenda. She requested that Halloween Party/Parade event be added to the agenda as item 6.b.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by McGunnigle, seconded by Gleason, to approve the meeting agenda of September 27, 2011 as amended.

Voting aye: Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Thompson introduced the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Thompson, seconded by Starnier, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2011 regular meeting as presented.

Voting aye: Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Open Forum

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Scott Wallace, 795 Kadler Ave NE, stated his opinion that the initial neighborhood consensus about the sculpture was that it was awful. He said others felt the sculpture was creepy and scary. He said the sculpture was not a great representation of the park. He stated that the sculpture would most likely get slid into during the winter.

Elissa Phillips, 775 Kadler Ave NE, stated that they were all shocked when it appeared. She said they received no information about the unveiling. She said if she would have known that she would have participated.

Starnier asked what they found was unappealing about the sculpture. Kelly Baltzell, 795 Kadler Ave NE, replied that it was the face of the sculpture.

Thompson explained the history of the sculpture and said the choice was at the discretion of the artist. She noted because of the condition of the wood, the whole sculpture required painting.

Pinor asked how the unveiling was publicized. Thompson replied the information was relayed to office staff.

Phillips stated that the neighbors felt left out.

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Gleason stated that a resident expressed concern of the location of the sculpture. He said the ball field fence could not be moved.

Wallace stated that he liked the landscaping. He said there should be a sign for Cardinal Circle Park. He reiterated that cars will slide through the stop sign and hit the sculpture.

Baltzell suggested that the sculpture be relocated by the future gazebo.

Thompson states that their plan is to put a plaque by the sculpture with the history. Baltzell said she liked the wood concept and that it should be out of wood. Pinor stated that maintenance of wood signs cost.

Jason Bodey, 775 Kadler Ave NE, inquired if there was a branding for the parks in Hanover.

Phillips stated that next time the residents should be notified; that there would be a better feeling from the neighborhood. She said people are proud of the park, not with the sculpture.

Wallace thanked the Park Board for everything else they did.

Starnar asked what else they would like to see with the parks. Bodey replied that he would like to see parking for Cardinal Circle Park. He noted that Kadler Ave becomes a race track and he felt the 30 mph sign was too fast.

Pinor explained how the speed study works. She suggested they attend a City Council meeting and ask the City Engineer.

Baltzell stated she would like to see a gazebo with an eating area and picnic tables. She added that she would like a structure for older kids to use.

Wallace inquired about the talk of a path that was suppose to go around Cardinal Circle Park.

Bodey inquired about the status of the gazebo on the agenda. Thompson replied that they didn't have approval. She said it was at the beginning phase. She added that their opinions would be very helpful. Bodey said the gazebo should be for large gatherings. Phillips said with baseball games something that concessions can be added on. She concluded that with the baseball games, there is a parking issue.

Wallace stated another issue was the ATVs that drive through the park.

Gleason relayed that another resident wondered why all the focus was on Cardinal Circle Park; that there are six parks in Hanover.

Phillips stated that she would have liked to have volunteered for the gardening. Pinor said she could join the Community Garden group.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

Movie in the Park – August 26th (follow-up)

**Movie in the Park –
August 26th (follow-up)**

Thompson introduced the agenda item. McGunnigle reported that the attendance was less than the June Movie in the Park event. She noted to definitely have popcorn for the next Movie in the Park event.

No further action was taken on the item.

Summer Programs review

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review**

Thompson introduced the agenda item. She provided the following report.

Hanover Reading in the Park = 815
Hanover Craft in the Park = 450
Summer Theatre Group = 1

No further action was taken on the item.

Cardinal Circle Park Sculpture

**Cardinal Circle Park
Sculpture**

Thompson introduced the agenda item. She reported that approximately twenty-five people attended the unveiling on September 17, 2011. She said coffee and doughnut were served. She stated Mayor Waters gave a nice presentation. She said the Park Board should look into getting a plaque with the history to put next to the sculpture.

Gleason inquired about relocating the sculpture.

McGunnigle said she was surprised when she saw the sculpture. Thompson stated that she thought the sculpture was going to be stained. She said she would have been okay if it would have been a wood color. She said she felt the sculpture was in a good location, well lit, more people, and more traffic. She noted that not everyone can be pleased. She said it would be nice to have a park sign and the history on a plaque with the sculpture. She asked that the plaques and signs be researched. Gleason volunteered to research the items.

No further action was taken on the item.

Schedule 2012 Park Event Dates

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Thompson introduced the agenda item. She inquired about keeping the movies on Saturdays. Pinor said the last movie was on a Friday night because the hall ended up being rented out the following Saturday that the Park Board had originally chose.

Thompson provided a recap on the previously discussed ideas, such as fitness and cooking class. She stated that the Buffalo Community Ed program offers a lot of

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programs/events in Hanover.

Vajda stated that other organizations within the community also hold events. Thompson inquired if those events were advertised on the City's website.

MOTION by Gleason, seconded by Starnier, to table the agenda item till next month.

Voting aye: Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Cardinal Circle Gazebo/Shelter

**Cardinal Circle
Gazebo/Shelter**

Thompson introduced the agenda item. Thompson asked for feedback from the other members. Starnier suggested a gazebo that could accommodate seven picnic tables under it.

Pinor stated that an octagonal or circular gazebo/shelter would be more costly because of the complexity of the structure.

Thompson referred to the pictures of the gazebos that were handed out. She said the roof would match the roof on the dugout.

Thompson said in reference to the parking concern that it was only when the ballfield was being used.

MOTION by Thompson, seconded by Starnier, to recommend to the City Council to take action on the gazebo/shelter for Cardinal Circle Park.

Voting aye: Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Thompson noted that she had received emails from Crow River Heights residents requesting a gazebo/shelter with picnic tables.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business

Tobacco-Free Parks

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Thompson introduced the agenda item. Barker asked if the Park Board was interested in the idea. Thompson asked staff to acquire more information on the agenda item.

No further action was taken on the agenda item.

Halloween Party/Parade Event

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Thompson introduced the agenda item. McGunnigle reported that the Hanover Historical Society is presenting Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Festival Saturday October 22, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Settlers Park, rain or shine. Vajda added that the Hanover Historical Society will need volunteers. McGunnigle inquired who was heading up the event. Vajda replied Mary Coons. He stated that their next meeting would be Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

MOTION by Thompson, seconded by McGunnigle, to not have the Halloween Party/Parade Event on October 29, 2011, but instead assist the Hanover Historical Society with their event on October 22, 2011.

Voting aye: Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson.
Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Reports & Announcements

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Park Board Reports

Thompson

- Thompson inquired about the new picnic tables at Pheasant Run. Pinor replied the old picnic tables were replaced by maintenance free picnic tables.
- Thompson reported that the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) posted a news release on the Cardinal Circle Park sculpture unveiling. She stated the representative was pleased.

McGunnigle

- McGunnigle inquired about the bike racks. Staff was asked to look into typical bike racks.

Peterson

- Not present.

Gleason

- Gleason reported that there was a wasp nest on the outlet at Mallards' Landing.

Starnier

- No report.

Liaison Report

Pinor

- Pinor reported that there had been a wedding held under the gazebo in the Community Garden.
- Pinor reported that there were four pavers ready for the Heritage Square. Vajda inquired what the cost was for the engraved paver. Pinor replied \$50 per paver with three engraved lines up to 15 characters per

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line. She stated the board members will keep a detailed journal with the specifics of each paver.

Staff Report

Barker

- Barker reminded the Park Board about the Spring Park Walk Through Report.
- Barker reported that there was a request that the City consider having Music in the Park.

MOTION by Gleason, seconded by McGunnigle, to adjourn the September 27, 2011 Park Board meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Voting aye: Gleason, McGunnigle, Starnier, and Thompson.

Voting nay: none. Motion carried 4:0.

Melissa Barker, Deputy Clerk