

**CITY OF HANOVER
PARK BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2017 – DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mat Boie called the Park Board meeting of October 24th, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chair Mat Boie, Abby Peterson, Jeff Grupp, Abby Strehlow, Council Liaison Jim Zajicek, and City Accountant / Deputy Clerk Jackie Heinz. Absent was Gleason. Guest Marc Mattice was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Boie moved item 6a – Riverside Park to follow the Open Forum.

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

Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2017

MOTION by Grupp to approve the minutes from September 26, 2017, seconded by Peterson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Open Forum:

None

New Business:

Riverside Park – Marc Mattice

Director of Parks of Wright County Marc Mattice distributed informational material about the Wright County Parks. He gave a background about his experience and stated he helped build the trail along county road 34 to Beebe Lake Park. Mattice stated the Wright County parks include trails, campgrounds, swim beaches, etc. but no athletic resources. He further stated there are high, medium and low maintenance parks. Riverside Park is a low maintenance park, what you see is what you get. Mattice explained they are currently working on the Crow River Regional Trail from Watertown to Dayton. Although it is 5 years out, there will be a need for a Trailhead in Hanover.

Mattice stated an archery range is a good fit with high use, could keep the lower area for canoeing and camping. Boie asked if an archery range was inexpensive to build. Mattice stated around \$5,000.

Boie stated Riverside Park is a great chunk of land where everything connects. Boie inquired if the canoe launch could be rebuilt. Mattice stated the DNR helped to rebuild the canoe launch a couple years ago and is something that could be looked at.

Grupp stated it's a beautiful park but not enough traffic. Grupp asked what liability the city has. Mattice stated none unless the City became partners with Wright County.

Peterson suggested if the park was advertised more, perhaps the Girl Scouts would use it to camp. Mattice stated the outhouse could be removed and replaced with a seasonal mini biff.

Boie inquired about the money allocated to Riverside Park. Mattice explained there are 31 parks with 7 people to maintenance them. Parks are mowed every 2 weeks. Clearwater has decided to maintain their park and perform maintenance on a weekly basis. Grupp asked what the amount of usage is in Clearwater. Mattice stated usage is much higher, the park opened this spring and they are currently replacing targets good for 100,000 shots.

Boie asked if there are trackers. Mattice stated they have trackers but not at Riverside Park. Boie stated this park is a "If you build it they will come kind of thing." We need to help and support the park as it's the only

one in Hanover with river access. Mattice stated to check the City ordinance regarding firearms. Boie suggested improvements of better visible access, lights and a sign closer to the road.

Grupp asked what the time frame would be for improvements. Mattice explained a letter stating our ideas should be sent from our park commission to their park commission. Mattice further explained depending on what the budget looked like, within the next couple of years improvements could start. The most expensive item is the targets at a cost of \$400 each. Mattice suggested starting with 3 targets and watch the usage. Peterson suggested installing a small playground for families with smaller kids to enjoy.

Boie asked if the Wright County Parks budget was complete for 2018. Mattice stated the preliminary budget was complete, they could possibly find some money to start improvements next year.

MOTION by Grupp to write a letter of recommendation of improvements regarding Riverside Park to Wright County Parks and Recreation, seconded by Boie. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Unfinished Business:

Winter Park Event

Heinz stated the dates in January and February which the hall is available. Heinz further stated a movie is not able to be shown as the City only obtained a copy, not the rights to the movie. This would require a public performance license.

Boie stated people could skate, play hockey, enjoy a bonfire and have hot cocoa and cider available. Grupp, Peterson and Boie stated they could donate beverages and treats to the event. Boie will check on Broomball dates with the Hanover Athletic Association and then decide on a date.

Spring Open House at Parks Event

Grupp passed out and explained information he collected from Albertville regarding their event. Grupp will be attending the Albertville February Monthly meeting to get more information. Boie asked if all the parks were visited at the Albertville event. Grupp stated no, the parks serving pizza and hot dogs had the highest traffic, Albertville suggested staying away from dinner and doing snacks instead.

Peterson stated she liked the community involvement. Peterson suggested having the council members at a park, snowmobile club at a different park and each could have a theme. Grupp stated to plan heavy with 40 – 50 people visiting each park, could present to interested groups. Heinz suggested starting with visiting 3 parks and expanding on a yearly basis.

Boie stated he would like to have the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, April 28th since he is out of town May 19th. Grupp stated Visit the Parks could be Friday, April 27th with the Bike Rodeo to follow the next day. Grupp suggested advertising the bike rodeo at the visit the parks event. Boie suggested having the spring open house from 6-8 pm and the bike rodeo from 1-3 pm. Grupp stated the school would need to be contacted to reserve the date. Boie stated he is working on free helmets to give away and asked about signage. Zajicek stated signs could be made but need the material.

Grupp asked if there was a better name for the event. Heinz stated it was great. Boie thanked Grupp for putting everything together.

Reports:

Peterson

- Contacted Buffalo regarding donation policy.

Boie

- Outline for Bide Rodeo is complete.
- No response from Stan regarding meeting, going to check about meeting next month.

Heinz

- Stated there will be no park dedication fees coming in from the Crow River Heights 3rd Addition Development. There are currently 31 credits from previous developments. 30 of the 31 credits will be used on Crow River Heights. There is no plan for a park in the development.
- Missy Thompson donated 5 sandbox pails with shovels to the Park Board to use as they wish.
- Concert in the Park date needs to be changed, the Girl Scouts currently have the shelter booked for that week. Peterson will check with the White Sidewalls if they're available June 14 or June 28.

Adjournment:

MOTION to adjourn by Grupp to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Strewlow. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jaclyn Heinz, Accountant/Deputy Clerk