

**CITY OF HANOVER  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
November 23, 2021 – OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Jeff Grupp called the Park Board meeting of November 23, 2021, to order at 7:01 pm. Present were Jeff Grupp, Dani Vetrano, Leslie Murphy, Council Liaison Tom Dierberger, and Accountant Jackie Heinz. Absent was Scott Jamison and Alex Holslin. Guest present via phone was Michelle Newlander.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2021**

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

**Open Forum:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Settlers Park Shelter**

Heinz stated she reached out three architects, two turned down the project and she had a zoom meeting with the third, Wilkus Architects, to discuss the details. Heinz stated she was expecting the estimate to be received before the meeting but has not received it. Heinz further stated she is hoping to have finalized details by the January meeting.

**New Business:**

**Park Board Applicants**

Michelle Newlander, Park Board Applicant, stated she has lived in Hanover for 5 years near Cardinal Circle. She is inspired by the number of kids in the park, it gets a lot of use. Newlander stated she is a master gardener of Wright County; they have lots of educational opportunities to bring to the community. Grupp inquired about meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and attending Park Board events would be a problem, Newlander stated no. Murphy stated the Park Board put on several events throughout the year including an Easter Egg Hunt, Concerts in the Park, Pumpkin Decorating, Bike Rodeo, Zoomobile and Reading in the Park. Grupp stated the board has a budget for events but are always looking for new ideas. Grupp further stated the Concerts in the Park are growing, we now are serving food and looking to sell beer. Newlander stated there are master gardener activities she would like to bring to Hanover, have classes for children about pollination, bees, honeybees, growing season, etc. Murphy stated you will enjoy yourself; it is a fun way to be a part of Hanover.

Heinz asked Newlander if she has attended any Park Board events, Newlander stated Night to Unite and one concert in the park. Grupp asked Newlander if she would change or add anything to Cardinal Park. Newlander stated it is great for sledding, there is only one ball field, so integrating another sport such as pickle ball would be great. Grupp asked Newlander if she knows of the other parks in the city, Newlander stated she knows Settlers Park. Grupp stated Settlers Park is the main city park, there are some other residential one, just added tot lots for ages 0-3 at two of the parks. Dierberger stated he likes Newlanders enthusiasm and the new ideas she would bring.

### **Concert in the Park Series**

Heinz stated she has not heard back from Greg regarding pricing on Shane Martin. Heinz stated she did talk with Chad Brinks connection, and he is wondering if the board would prefer a cover band or one that plays originals. Discussion regarding cover band versus original, consensus for a cover band.

Newlander stated she has a connection at Bootleggers in Nowthen, could also get leads from a friend in Delano, she also is a sub with the Buffalo Community Orchestra and could see if they have any open dates. Grupp stated Dan Bakken could play again as well. Murphy agreed stating it was a great time. Grupp stated the goal is for three nights of concerts. Heinz stated they are scheduled for the second Wednesday of June, July, and August. Grupp stated we need to work within the budget, everyone puts a lot of effort into each event. Vetrano stated she like the White Sidewalls, but the audience was their following and not residents. Heinz inquired about staying with Greg Snodgrass and What's the Scoop for food, consensus yes.

### **Reports:**

#### **Dierberger**

- MaryAnn misheard the information regarding a pickle ball court at Cardinal Park. The money is for programs and not to build the court.

#### **Heinz**

- Lights were approved for the skating rink at Cardinal Park.
- The Wright Hennepin Poles were removed from EagleView Park.

#### **Murphy**

- Thanked the Board for allowing her to be a member of the Park Board. She has enjoyed her time.

#### **Grupp**

- Thanked Leslie for her years of service to the Park Board
- Thanked Newlander for being timely and willing to call in from Arizona for the meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Murphy to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Vetrano. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

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Jackie Heinz, Accountant