

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI
FEBRUARY 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova , Vicky Erickson, Joyce Hall, Mike O’Keefe, Ron Weiler,

ABSENT Jessica Bratsch, Pam Brokaw

OTHERS PRESENT: Denny Darnold, Derek Rasmussen, and others.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Casanova at 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2017 GRANDVIEW PARK CONCESSIONS AGREEMENT WITH THE HUDSON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION The Board reviewed the request of Hudson Softball Association to extend the Concessions Agreement for 2017 with the same terms. It was noted the 6% of the gross monthly sales collected for the concessions is allocated to a separate fund to offset costs for improvements at Grandview Park.

Erickson commented on the decline in concession sales collected the past several years. Rasmussen, Hudson Softball Association, commented that the leagues have greatly declined. He noted the costs for field usage, lighting, etc. have increased at the park and teams have gone elsewhere. Zeuli stated fees were increased several years back to cover the expenditures of the operating budget and have since then been in line. He noted teams have adjusted their play times to avoid the lighting charges.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Hall to recommend approval of the Grandview Park Concessions Agreement with Hudson Softball Association for 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2017 LAKEFRONT PARK CONCESSIONS AGREEMENT WITH THE GIGGLE FACTORY The Board reviewed the request of the Giggle Factory to extend the Concessions Agreement for Lakefront Park for 2017 with the same terms. Noted 5% of the gross monthly sales collected is allocated to an account to offset costs for improvements to the concessions area.

MOTION by O’Keefe, second by Hall to recommend approval of the Lakefront Park Concessions Agreement with the Giggle Factory for 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2017 PARK USER FEES The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 rates. Zeuli recommended the rates remain the same for the following uses: A) Grandview Park B) Lakefront Park Bandshell reservations C) Boat Launch Daily Fees D) Sailboat Mooring Annual Fee E) Park Pavilion rental fees & small pavilions. Noted a summary of park rentals was provided and cancellations for Weitkamp were primarily due to the playground installation.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Erickson to recommend approval of the proposed 2017 Park User fees. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE BURTON FIELD SKATING RINKS Zeuli stated the Burton Park ice rinks have been challenging this season due to fluctuating temperatures necessary to

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maintain the ice for both the hockey and open skate rinks. He explained the field is sloped towards 9th Street therefore the ice needs to be built in efforts to provide a skate able surface on both rinks.

Zeuli commented on previous concept plans that included regarding the field and eliminating one ball field. The estimated cost was roughly \$180,000. He stated the ball fields are used by St. Pats School during the spring months and some use by other organizations are used throughout the summer months. It was recommended Zeuli obtain costs for grading the field and look into costs for engineering for the proposed improvements at Burton Park.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Casanova requested a Special Park Board meeting be held to discuss the request by Andy Kron /Monarch Ventures LLC to acquire approximately 3,200 of Lakefront Park property adjacent to 721 First Street. The date of the meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:30 p.m at the 721 First Street location.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated the proposed Fitness System for Lakefront Park continue to collect funds for the purchase of the equipment. He stated other items being request for capital funds include lighting for Weitkamp Park to include the Universal playground. Zeuli stated final plans for Anderson Park should be completed with an anticipated spring build. The question was raised whether the “Bee Project” will be maintained by the city. Zeuli stated a Letter of Engagement for development of a “Lakefront Park Master Plan” will be presented at a future Common Council meeting.

Weiler suggested a future Park Board meeting discuss whether to

MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to adjourn the meeting. 6:21 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary