

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Mike O'Keefe, Vicky Erickson, Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler, Pam Brokaw

ABSENT Joyce Hall

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli, Jon Susa, Dave O'Brien, Anne Wasmund, Ben Wasmund and others.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to recommend approval of the January 12, 2016 Park Board minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE HUDSON BOOSTERS PROPOSED BATTING CAGE FOR GRANDVIEW PARK Dave O'Brien, Hudson Boosters, provided a proposal to purchase and install a batting cage at Grandview Park ballfields. He noted the location is east of the facility and would not interfere with any activities. O'Brien stated the estimate costs associated with the installation of the batting cage, including the frame, netting and base is \$6,000. He noted all costs to be the responsibility of the Hudson Booster organization.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Erickson to approve the Hudson Boosters to purchase and install batting cages at Grandview Park. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY ANNE WASMUND TO POST A SURVEY ON THE "SUPPORT A HUDSON DOG PARK" WEBSITE Anne Wasmund provided a draft of the survey related to a proposed dog park that has been posted on a Facebook page named "Support a Hudson Dog Park". She stated 850 responses have been collected to date and that information from the survey will be put towards the efforts to raise funds for a future dog park.

Zeuli stated the land at Prospect Park was partially funded through a DNR grant and that an answer on whether a dog park meets the requirements has not been received. He stated activities for the park must remain passive recreation.

Casanova suggested a link to the page be posted on the city website. It was noted that this may not meet the city policy for the website.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM THE GIGGLE FACTORY FOR USE OF LAKEFRONT PARK CONCESSIONS FOR 2016 SEASON Casanova stated the Giggle Factory is requesting use of the Lakefront Park concessions for 2016. He noted 5% of the revenue is paid towards use of the concessions area and the concessionaire pays the electricity per the lease agreement.

Erickson asked how much revenue is collected. It was noted the operations are weather dependent and average \$500 per season. The overall Board agreed the concessions is a positive addition to the area and that vandalism and other incidents have decreased since the operations were initiated several years back.

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MOTION by Weiler, second by O'Keefe to extend the concessions lease with the Giggle Factory for the 2016 season beginning May 1, 2016 through October 1, 2016, weather permitting. MOTION CARRIED.

REVIEW COSTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT VINE STREET SLEDDING HILL Zeuli stated an on-site meeting was held with Xcel Energy to review the lighting options for the Vine Street sledding hill. He noted the cost to install a light at 10<sup>th</sup> & Vine is \$231.27 with a monthly rate of \$12.00 month. In addition an increase in the wattage of the existing fixture could be increased from 39 watts to 65 watts for an additional cost of \$0.90 per month.

The overall Board agreed to the lighting improvements and also suggested the Public Safety Committee review the parking issues for the area and to consider making it "No Parking" on Vine Street between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Street. It was also suggested that each of the corners be posted "No parking her to corner" to eliminate cars parking to the corners.

MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to recommend increasing the wattage of the existing light at the Vine Street sledding hill and to add an additional light on the pole at 10<sup>th</sup> and Vine Street and to recommend the Safety Committee to consider No Parking on Vine Street between 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Street and also at each of the corners. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT Zeuli stated a meeting is scheduled with SEH to discuss the estimated costs for a Park needs assessment. Noted a future dog park and Walnut Street bridge should be identified in the Outdoor Recreation Plan for possible DNR funding.

PROJECT UPDATE: PARKS DEPARTMENT Zeuli stated the pathway lighting in Lakefront Park were upgraded to LED. Noted the arch lighting is in need of repair once a funding source is identified.

Zeuli mentioned an organization who is interested in enchanting the shoreline along Lakefront Park with plantings of native wildflowers, grasses and tree. Noted more information will be provided at a later date.

Zeuli stated the ice rinks have been on and off all season due to weather conditions. He noted the renovations to the restrooms have received positive feedback.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Weiler to adjourn the meeting. 6:05 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

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