

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING
3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
APRIL 5, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Mike O'Keefe, Vicky Erickson, , Joyce Hall

ABSENT Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler, Pam Brokaw

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli, Paul Anderson, Hugh Gwin and Deb Andrews

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PARKS OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 1-16 Casanova stated updates have been made to the 2015-2020 Parks Outdoor Recreation Plan based on recommendations and discussions by the Board. He noted upon approval of the plan by the Board, Resolution 1-16 approves the plan and is stated in City of Hudson Municipal Code, Section 181.3.

Andrews noted updates include Board members, park map, trails Map, the 5 year proposed capital requests and language referencing the Lakefront Park trail system, and Hudson Meadows.

Hall commented on the Parks trail system and suggests the Park Board be involved. Casanova stated the City does not have a recreation department and noted that community support by local organizations have enhanced the recreational program.

MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to recommend adoption of the 2015-2020 Parks and Recreation Outdoor Plan. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by O'Keefe, second by Hall to recommend Resolution 1-16 approving the City of Hudson Parks and Outdoor Recreation Plan 2015-2010. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INCORPORATING THE CITY OF HUDSON OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN INTO THE ST CROIX COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to recommend adoption of Resolution 13-16 that increases the city's eligibility to apply and increase their point value for state and federal grants. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY PAUL ANDERSON TO CONSIDER RESTROOMS FOR ANDERSON PARK Anderson stated Anderson Park land was donated to the city by his family. He noted his interest in maintaining the tennis courts and the park grounds. Mr. Anderson is offering to financially contribute towards a unisex and/or other type of restroom at the park and is asking for the city to provide a design and cost estimates for structure and construction costs. He requested a shade/picnic structure be attached to the building or in close proximity be included in the plan.

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Zeuli referenced a restroom sketch for Anderson Park that the city building inspector had provided in earlier years. The Board asked if updates to the sketch could be done in house and provided at a future meeting. Zeuli stated the topography sketch indicates water and sanitary sewer services available on Mont Croix Street.

The Board requested more information be provided on the Anderson Park restrooms at a future Park Board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED 5 YEAR PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2015-2020 The Board reviewed the proposed 5 year capital improvements for various city parks. Erickson requested additional tables for Birkmose Park be considered and additional tree removals for the area. Casanova suggested pickle ball courts be added as a future Lakefront Park improvement.

MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to recommend approval of the proposed 5 year Parks capital improvement plan as Appendix C of the 2015-2010 Parks and Outdoor Recreation Plan. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated the Rotary Pollinator project location is on Lakefront Park, north of Orange Street. He stated Ben Eichman, St. Croix County soil specialist will assist staff with the preparation of the hillside by applying a herbicide. Noted the wildflowers provided by the Rotary will then be planted in addition to other smaller plantings.

Zeuli suggested a landscaping master plan for Lakefront Park be considered in the future.

Zeuli stated the Bee project is underway. Discussions and on site meetings have taken place with volunteers participating in the program to identify locations in the city parks and right of ways.

Zeuli stated discussions have taken place on the use of pesticides in the city parks. He noted concerns with the play areas and is considering soil samples to determine the soil conditions and possible demonstration spots to test the use of organic fertilizers. He noted mowing operations would also be adjusted to allow for longer growth of the grass.

Zeuli stated the agreements for the Lakefront Park concessions have been signed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Zeuli stated information regarding the fisheries and wildlife along the river will be presented at a future meeting.

Casanova encouraged Park Board members to visit the site at Hanley & O'Neil Road in the Business Park and also at the dead end of Harvey Street in the Business Park for possible future location of a dog park.

MOTION by Erickson, second by Hall to adjourn the meeting. 6:55 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,
Deb Andrews, Acting Secretary