

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI
MAY 3, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, , Vicky Erickson, , Joyce Hall, Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler, Pam Brokaw

ABSENT Mike O'Keefe

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli, Amanda Botha, Ben Dreher, Anne Wasmund, Randy Hanson, Bill Alms and others.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Casanova, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016, Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE TO DENY THE USE OF PROSPECT PARK FOR A FUTURE DOG PARK Casanova stated the Public Safety Committee denied the request to put a dog park at Prospect Park and referred the matter back to the Park Board for further evaluation of alternate locations.

Casanova provided a map of Grandview Park with 3 areas between the parking lot and water tower, west of the ball fields that could be considered for space for a future dog park. He noted the area meets the criteria needed that includes ample parking and facilities nearby and no neighboring homes that would be bothered by barking or other activity. Noted the estimated acreage of the area is 2.07 acres.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Hall to recommend designating the area at Grandview Park per the map as space for a future dog park location. Wasmund noted cost estimates for the fencing should be available upon approval of the location. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY CHEERS PABLO IN REGARDS TO HOLDING PAINTING EVENTS IN CITY PARKS Ben Derher, Cheers Pablo, is requesting use of city parks to hold painting classes. He noted many clients have suggested the idea.

Weiler questioned the number of people who would attend the classes. Derher commented a normal class size being 20-50 people. Casanova noted the liquor license that is currently held by Cheers Pablo would not carry over to use in city parks and that Birkmose Park does not permit alcohol in the park. Derher stated that alcohol was not being considered at the classes.

Zeuli stated the City Ordinance 181-6 states that no person shall sell or offer for sale any item or article in any park. Derher stated the clients would pay prior to the class. The Board discussed the various events that are currently being conducted in the parks such as exercise classes where clients pay on line and meet at the park(s).

MOTION by Wieler, second by Bratsch to determine a fee for Cheers Pablo to hold painting classes in the city parks on a one year trial basis at a maximum of 6 classes over the year and to check into liability insurance requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ANDERSON PARK RESTROOMS Zeuli stated no information is available for this item.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated meetings have been held with TruGreen who provides weed control and fertilizing for various city parks and right of ways. He stated several soil samples have been taken to test some areas to determine if additional nutrients are needed.

Zeuli stated bids are due on May 16, 2016 for the Weitkamp Park pour in place pad. He noted the Universal playground is scheduled to be installed mid June. Zeuli stated the existing play structures at Weitkamp Park will be relocated to south Lakefront Park.

Zeuli stated the Arbor Day celebration was held on April 30, 2016. Noted 5 trees were planted on 1st Street on the boulevard of the Phipps Center for Arts and in Weitkamp Park.

Zeuli stated a large group from Anderson Windows will be doing buckthorn removal at Prospect Park on May 19th. He also stated that Faith Community Church will be doing their annual week of community service in mid June. Zeuli commented that the hillside on Lakefront Park Trail, north of Orange Street, has been sprayed with a herbicide twice and that the Rotary plans to plant the wildflowers as part of their Pollinator project.

Zeuli stated the City Building Inspector is working on the Anderson Park restrooms as time allows. Noted the plans would be presented to the Park Board for final approval prior to proceeding for bid.

The Park Board questioned use of Park Dedication funds for Anderson Park pickle ball courts. Zeuli commented that it would not be permitted according to the state statues and that funds have already been allocated for this project and is scheduled for painting mid June.

Zeuli stated the park funds were allocated for the Weitkamp park pour in place pad and can also be used for the future splash pad. Noted the playground is part of the overall master park plan for the Weitkamp Park.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Erickson to adjourn the meeting. 6:20 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Acting Secretary