

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI  
JUNE 7, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, , Vicky Erickson, , Joyce Hall, Jessica Bratsch, Mike O'Keefe, Pam Brokaw

ABSENT Ron Weiler

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli, Anne Wasmund, and others.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES Hall noted a few changes to the minutes that included the meeting location and a name correction. MOTION by Hall, second by Brokaw to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016, Park Board meeting with the changes as noted. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COSTS AND CONCEPT OF A DOG PARK AT GRANDVIEW PARK Casanova noted the City Council approved the 2.07 acres of land at Grandview Park for a future dog park.

Wasmund provided a packet of information for the Hudson Dog Park that included a map of the proposed area including the location of the gates, benches, water station, benches, etc. She also included an estimated cost for the fencing being proposed for this location. Wasmund commented on several fund raising efforts that are being planned to help with the amenities proposed for the park and possibly a free will donation box.

Wasmund included information on a potential grant opportunity that could provide up to \$25,000 in funds to put towards the project. She commented that the deadline for submittal is June 30, 2016. It was noted the draft letter of support will be placed on the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Council meeting.

Casanova recommended the city provide the structure for the future operations for the dog park that would include operational costs, maintenance, licensing, entry fees, etc. and an agreement between the city and the dog park association. An agreement sample was provided to Wasmund.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Hall to recommend the "Letter of Support" for the future dog park and to designate the 2.07 acres at Grandview Park, per the map, as the area to be used for the dog park. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY CHEERS PABLO TO HOLD PAINTING EVENTS IN CITY PARKS Casanova stated the request to hold painting events in city parks was referred back to the Park Board for further discussion. Hall noted the issues include whether a fee should be charged for use of park space, limiting the class size to a maximum of 30 people, and insurance and liability requirements. It was noted that no alcohol is permitted in Birkmose Park and that Cheers Pablo did not intend on serving alcohol at the painting classes.

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The Board expressed concern of the use of city park land by private businesses. They also noted the summer months as being prime time and that by reserving park space, other than at a pavilion, could interfere with the use of city parks by others. The overall Park Board did not take any action on this request.

PROJECT UPDATE: PARKS DEPARTMENT Zeuli commented on the various street construction projects in the city. He noted the Vine Street detour on 1<sup>st</sup> Street is expected to reopen by June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Noted a section of the Beach house parking lot is closed due to the construction.

Zeuli commented on the volunteer cleanup by the Anderson Windows sustainability group. He noted a large amount of buckthorn was removed at Prospect Park and that the tree service picked up roughly 25-30 cubic yards of debris. The Park Board recommended a thank you letter be sent to the group.

Zeuli stated the Faith Community Church's annual community service event will take place the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted buckthorn removal and painting projects are planned for the week.

Zeuli stated the seasonal summer help has started up and mowing operations are underway. He noticed that the Weitkamp Park playground removal and installation at Lakefront Park is planned for mid June. He noted contract documents are in the process.

Zeuli stated the Minnesota Orchestra is scheduled for Lakefront Park on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. He noted the Hudson Booster Days event will start on June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the carnival is expected to arrive on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

Zeuli stated the Bee project has received a lot of publicity and appears to be going well. He stated the Rotary's Pollinator project will be scheduled in upcoming weeks. Zeuli stated wildflowers will be planted on the hillside along the Lakefront Park trail, north of Orange Street.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Casanova asked the status of picnic point rip rap project. Zeuli stated cost estimates for the project are being determined and a DNR application will need to be submitted.

Zeuli stated cost estimates will be available for the boat launch pre cast concrete project. He noted dredging may be required for the project and additional funding will be included in the capital requests for Parks.

MOTION by Hall, second by Brokaw to adjourn the meeting. 6:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews  
Acting Secretary

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