

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI  
AUGUST 2, 2016

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

ABSENT Ron Weiler, Pat Casanova

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli, Mike Krueger, Dag Selander, Jim Drake, Shirley Drow, Anne Peterson, Rebecca Erickson, Mike Craviers, Lilia Ortega, Tom Palmer, and others.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman O'Keefe at 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST OF THE ST CROIX ROWING CLUB TO USE SPACE AT THE PARKS GARAGE, 18 BUCKEYE STREET, FOR THE STORAGE OF BOATS Jim Drake provided a brief history of the St Croix Rowing Club and how it originated. He noted the organization began in 1999, and has been leasing the building space at 6 St Croix Street since 2002. Drake stated the club has outgrown the space and is requesting the city to consider use of the Buckeye Garage for future use by the St Croix Rowing Club. Zeuli stated the Parks garage is used for Parks seasonal activities and storage of equipment and supplies. A power point presentation followed.

Further discussion continued, Drake and others commented on the existing challenges of the current launch site, located north of the bay, that abuts the Lakefront Park Trail at St. Croix Street, that include on-going fluctuations in the water levels, vegetation growth, erosion issues, distance to carry boats, facility improvements, etc.

The overall Board suggested staff work the St Croix Rowing Club and explore options for future expansion and space needs, costs, grants, etc. Erickson and Hall volunteered to be part of the discussions.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUTO PARKING AT CORKY'S PIER Mike Krueger, 16 First Street, is requesting vehicle parking spaces at Corky's Pier. He stated the lot is posted "Parking for Vehicles with Trailers Only." Krueger also noted that the DNR website indicates 1-5 vehicles stalls are available and 1-5 Vehicles with Trailers.

Krueger commented on safety concerns while crossing Highway 35 and/or parking on Highway 35 to access Corky's Pier. He noted high volumes of traffic, no crosswalks, no handicap access, etc. Zeuli suggested removing 2 of the signs to allow for parking of vehicles without trailers.

MOTION by Hall, second by Brokaw to convert 2 stalls at Corky's Pier to read "Vehicles without Trailers" and to review this matter in the spring. MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL BENCH IN HONOR OF JOHN MINGO Rebecca Erickson, 112 Walnut Street, is requesting the city to accept the donation of a memory bench in honor of her late husband, John Mingo. Erickson

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI  
AUGUST 2, 2016

provided a packet of information that included a circular styled bench with an engraving and also locations in Lakefront Park where the bench would be placed.

MOTION by Erickson, second by Hall to accept the Memorial Bench donation proposed for Lakefront Park in honor of John Mingo and to approve of the inscription that reads "man's mind once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions." By Oliver Wendell Holmes for the bench. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY DAG SELANDER TO USE GRANDVIEW PARK FOR A CYCLECROSS RACE TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER 2016 – DATE TO BE DETERMINED Dag Selander, spoke on behalf of the USA Cyclers Cross. He is requesting permission to use a part of Grandview Park for a cycle cross race in October. He added that the event had been held in earlier years at Lakefront Park and that a portion of the funds are given to local charity and local government.

Selander provided a sketch of the area to be used at Grandview Park. He noted that a portion is owned by the Hudson School District and that permission needs to be received by them. He noted the race will start and end the race on the school property. Selander stated all restoration and cleanup will be done by the organization. Zeuli commented that the event promotes a healthy lifestyle and does not have any issues with use of the space.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Erickson to approve USA Cycle Cross to hold a biking event at Grandview Park in October contingent on approval by the Hudson School District. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated proposals for design services for the Anderson Park restroom project have been sent out to several architects.

Zeuli stated the Universal Playground installation was postponed due to some issues with the grading. Once a new date is determined information will be posted.

Zeuli stated the boat launch and beach have reopened due to recent flooding.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS O'Keefe recommended the St Croix Rowing Clubs space needs be added once more information is received.

Brokaw asked what the status of the pickle court use at Anderson Park. It was noted it is being heavily used.

Zeuli stated National Night Out is this evening beginning at 5 p.m.

MOTION by Hall, second by O'Keefe to adjourn the meeting. 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews, Secretary