

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI
FEBRUARY 6, 2018

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

ABSENT Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler

OTHERS PRESENT Tom Zeuli, Brenda Malinowski, Dennis Kroll, Buck Malick, Diana Berg, Arvid Ledin, Dave Morrison, John DeGraff, Deanne DeGraff, Colleen Hammer, Mike Lammer and others.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: PICKLEBALL COURTS Casanova explained the budgetary process for requesting funds for capital improvements. He also stated the Outdoor Recreation Plan is a basis for creating a vision and future improvements for the city parks.

Malinowski referenced the 2015-2020 Outdoor Recreation Plan that includes the Parks 5 year proposed capital improvements. She noted that some of the requests identified did not receive funds due to the limited financial resources and requests submitted by all city departments. Requests also include streets, equipment, buildings, etc. Malinowski recommended the Board update the Parks Five year capital improvements plan for the upcoming 2019-2020 cycles that include cost estimates.

Malinowski briefly explained that park dedication fees can only be used for land acquisition and initial park improvements identified in the overall master park plans. She noted the dog park was not in the original Grandview Park Master Plan and was paid in full with donations.

Mike Lammers stated that Pickleball Association's (PBA) goal is to become a 501(c) (3) organization and to promote fundraising for the construction of eight courts. He mentioned some of the potential donors and noted that updated costs were recently provided in the amount of \$116,000 based on the diagrams versus the city engineer's cost estimate of \$160,000 which was based on the US standards for pickleball courts.

Deanne DeGraff spoke on behalf of the PBA stating their goals are to promote health and wellness in the community for all ages, including the physically challenged. She added that local grants and donors will continue to be explored.

Further discussion continued on the use of park dedication fees. The overall consensus of the Board is to recommend city staff to seek legal counsel on the permitted uses of park dedication fees and to work on the update of the Outdoor Recreation Plan and proposed 5 year park improvements. Malinowski reiterated that the updates to these documents do not in any way commit the city to financing of these projects.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2018 PARK USER FEES The Board reviewed the overall summary of the park usage. MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to recommend approval of the 2018 park user fees as proposed noting that there is no increase from 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2018 BOAT LAUNCH FEES Zeuli stated the boat launch collections for 2017 were roughly \$50,000 including the sale of season passes. He stated the fees are within the WI DNR guidelines.

MOTION by Hall, second by Erickson to recommend the 2018 Boat Launch fees remain the same at \$8.00 for city residents, \$12.00 for non-city residents and \$80.00 for city season pass and \$120.00 for non-city season pass. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2018 BOAT MOORING FEES Zeuli stated the boat mooring fee was established in 1979. He stated in 1992 a park improvement fee was established as a means of allocating a portion of the annual mooring fee to Lakefront park improvements and other costs directly associated with the moorings. Zeuli stated over the years projects have been completed in Lakefront Park and the park improvement fees have been used to pay for and/or offset the improvements that include rip rap, dinghy storage improvements, roadway improvements, street lighting, and general operational costs.

Dennis Kroll requested the access to the mooring area continue to be included in the Lakefront Park plan. Zeuli stated the Waterfront Vision study has included the stakeholders in several meetings held on the waterfront. He noted access to the mooring field is proposed in the study.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Erickson to recommend the 2018 Mooring fee of \$560.00 remain the same as in 2017. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: LAKE MALLALIEU FISHING IMPROVEMENTS Buck Malick stated the WI DNR grant application for the Lake Mallalieu Fishing Improvements is a 75/25% match. He stated the improvements are in the southwest portion of Lake Mallalieu and include fishing piers and embankment improvements. Mr. Malick requested the Board to consider including the improvements in the future plans for Corky's Pier.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PRIVATE FUNDRAISING FOR GOAT ERADICATION IN PROSPECT PARK Zeuli stated the contracted services for the eradication of buckthorn for Prospect Park with the use of goats was removed from the 2018 Parks budget. He stated grants have been submitted to the Hudson Rotary and Xcel Energy for funding the program.

Malick stated that Tropical Wings, a non-profit 501©(3) organization, plan to submit the Bird City USA application upon approval of the resolution by the City Council. He stated the eradication of invasive species, such as buckthorn, is important to migratory bird survival.

Brokaw suggested the city consider a "Friends of the Park" committee that would allow fundraising efforts for unfunded park related projects. The overall Board agreed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY ORDINANCE 14-17 Zeuli stated the City Ordinance 14-17 which was recently adopted in August 2017, for the allowance and temporary keeping of goats within the city for control of invasive species and other weed control purposes does not allow them to be used for longer than 30 days. It was suggested the ordinance be amended to allow the use of goats on a per acreage basis and also to add language in reference to the goat waste.

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MOTION by Brokaw, second by Hall to change Ordinance 14-17 as proposed to allow the goats for a longer period of time based on the acreage and to include the language on goat waste. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated a presentation is expected soon on the Waterfront Vision study. He stated meetings with WI DNR and various shareholders have reviewed the area between i-94 and St Croix Street.

Zeuli stated a meeting is scheduled with the St Croix Sailing school to discuss a temporary placement agreement for the southerly portion of Lakefront Park.

MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to adjourn the meeting. 6:59 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary