

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

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

ABSENT Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler, Vicky Erickson

OTHERS PRESENT Tom Zeuli, Steve Terrien, John DeGraff, Deanne DeGraff, Wel Caine, Carol Agree, Arvid Ledin, Michael Lammer, Larry Gerdin, Dale Schmidt, Richard Stockness and others.

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

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MINUTES MOTION by Hall, second by Brokaw to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE ON PARK DEDICATION FEES Casanova referred to the issue sheet submitted by the Finance Director on Park Dedication fees. He noted that the estimated future collections are based on current developments building homes in the area.

Casanova added that Wis State Statues 236.45 permits use of the dedication fees for the acquisition or initial improvements of land for a public park. Noted this does not include maintenance or items not or items that are not included in the park master plan.

UPDATE 5 YEAR PARKS OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN Casanova referred to the 5 year Outdoor Recreation Plan that includes the 5 year capital park improvements for each of the parks. He suggested the pickleball courts be identified for Grandview Park as part of the plan. Zeuli added that Weitkamp Park includes pickleball courts in the 5 year plan.

REVIEW 5 YEAR PROPOSED PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-2023 Casanova referenced the 5 year Park Capital Improvement Plan that is currently part of the 5 year Park Outdoor Recreation Plan. He noted many of the items identified in the five year plan did not receive capital funds and that a few of the completed projects were funded by donations.

Casanova recommends over the course of the next few months of Park Board meetings that the Board identify future 5 year projects for each of the parks including potential funding sources and prioritizing the improvements. He noted the next two year bonding requests (2019-2020) will be submitted and reviewed by Council sometime this fall.

O'Keefe suggested having a public meeting to allow residents to provide input on the needs for the parks. Brokaw suggested the IT look into options for conducting a park survey online.

Casanova stated the overall city comprehensive plan is scheduled for updates in 2019 at which time the park needs assessment update will also be done.

Mike Lammers spoke on behalf of the Pickleball Association and questioned whether fund raising efforts by the group can identify Grandview Park as potentially the location for the future courts. He also asked whether a transfer of funds from Park Trust A to Park Trust B is doable. Casanova stated park land acquisition benefitting the entire community is possible use of funds. DeGraff is seeking the support of pickleball courts by the Park Board. Hall, O'Keefe, Casanova and Brokaw all indicated they were in favor of pickle ball courts.

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O'Keefe asked if the Lakefront Park Waterfront Study would be available for review by the Board and if estimated costs are included. Casanova stated the plan will be made available to the Board.

Casanova noted the Grandview Park restrooms as part of the master plan. He also commented on the future uses for the park and whether justification for 4 ball fields fits the future for the park. Zeuli added the Weitkamp Park trails are included in the park plan and could be funded with Park Trust funds.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by O'Keefe to recommend a Parks open house be held in mid-May to include maps of each park and future improvements. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated the band shell ceiling repairs will be scheduled this spring. He added that the Arbor Day Celebration will be held in Lakefront Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 and include the "Tree of the Year" plantings.

Zeuli stated the St Croix Sailing School is negotiating a one year lease of space at the south end of picnic point. He added that the Waterfront Vision study included plans for the Buckeye Garage that incorporates these types of recreational activities.

Zeuli stated a smaller storage shed from the Ward Avenue property may be available. He suggested placing it at the north end of Lakefront Park trail.

Zeuli stated the City Attorney is preparing language in the goat ordinance that would exempt the city from permit requirements for the temporary keeping of goats on city property. This item will be discussed at the March 12, 2018 Council meeting. He added that a request for community subsidies funds for contracting the goats for buckthorn removal at Prospect Park will be discussed and that other possible funds may come from Xcel Energy and Hudson Rotary.

Zeuli stated the preconstruction meeting for the Walnut Street Bridge project is March 15th. Noted the project may start up at the end of March with an expected completion date of Memorial Day weekend.

MOTION by Hall, second by Brokaw to adjourn the meeting. 6:45 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary