

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING
505 THIRD STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUDSON, WI
APRIL 10, 2018

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

ABSENT Jessica Bratsch, Ron Weiler,

OTHERS PRESENT Tom Zeuli, Anne Wasmund, Ben Wasmund, Tim Heckmann, Colleen Hammer, Arvid Ledin, Dave Morrison, Jared Hanson, Scott Neimetz, and others.

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

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PHASE 2 OF THE HUDSON DOG PARK AT GRANDVIEW PARK Anne Wasmund spoke on behalf of the Hudson Dog Owners Association asking permission to put signage at the dog park that includes the history of the park, a QR code with a link to donate, a drawing showing Phase II and links to the social media.

Wasmund stated the original amount requested for the dog park was \$40,000. She noted the entire park was funded with donations and is requesting the Park Board to include Phase II in the upcoming capital improvement plan. It is estimated to cost \$14,000.

Casanova commended the Hudson Dog Owners Association on the efforts put towards the dog park success. Wasmund stated the park is currently shut down until the entrance to the park can dry out.

MOTION by Erickson, second by Brokaw to approve the signage for Phase II of the dog park and to include the costs for the fencing in the requests for capital funds in 2019. Wasmund explained the process for donating to the dog park. MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATE: PICKLEBALL COURTS AT WEITKAMP Zeuli stated per the recommendation from the last Park Board meeting, a walk through was done at Weitkamp Park with Mr. DeGraff to determine the utilities that would require a relocation if pickle ball courts were to be considered at Weitkamp Park. Zeuli provided a sketch of the area showing the location of the utilities.

Casanova stated pickle ball courts were never intended at Weitkamp Park and that park dedication fees collected were designated for other improvements for the park. He strongly encouraged the Pickleball Association to focus on possible future courts at Grandview Park. He added the process for funding any type of improvements in the city parks will continue noting that once the amenities are identified for each park the Board will then prioritize within the 5 year plan and submit the requests to the city council.

Colleen Hammer, board member for the Hudson Community Pickle Ball Association, agreed that Grandview Park would be a perfect location for the courts and requested the funds for pickleball courts at Weikamp Park and Lakefront Park be reallocated to Grandview. Casanova stated those numbers identified in the improvement plan are based on walk throughs of the parks and considered to be a “wish list”. He stated all future discussions related to pickle ball courts should be directed to Tom Zeuli. It was suggested the next meeting be held at Grandview Park to visualize the location being proposed for eight pickleball courts.

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The overall Board agreed a meeting on site would be beneficial.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE JOINT CONCESSIONS AGREEMENT WITH HUDSON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE HUDSON BOOSTERS Tim Heckmann, Hudson Boosters, stated the field use for Grandview has increased for the Boosters and lessened for Hudson Softball Association therefore reducing the time that concessions are available at Grandview Park.

Heckman mentioned that 5 tournaments are scheduled for Grandview Park in 2018 including a 16U National tournament at the end of July. Zeuli stated the adult leagues use the fields on Sunday and Thursday nights and that 6% of the total concession sales are paid by the league per the agreement and allocated to a separate fund for improvements to Grandview Park fields. Zeuli stated meetings with the Hudson Boosters and Hudson Softball indicate agreement to the terms, sharing of space, storage, etc. related to concessions.

MOTION by Brokaw, second by Erickson to recommend the city attorney to prepare a written joint agreement for the sale of concessions by the Hudson Softball and Hudson Boosters with a 6% donation of all sales to be allocated to the improvement fund for Grandview Park. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated the St Croix Sailing School has provided two revised proposals for the lease of park space at Lakefront Park. Noted Proposal A shows a portion of the backside of the Parks building being used for boat storage, some removal of trees near the shoreline, relocation of their storage shed and installation of a fence. Proposal B identifies a larger area for their operations and boat storage, including fencing. Noted this would require them to reconstruct the pathway and obtaining permitting from the WI DNR for rip rap improvements along the shoreline. Zeuli stated the city attorney is working on the lease agreement that will be presented at a future meeting for approval.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2018 LEASE CONCESSIONS AGREEMENT FOR LAKEFRONT PARK Zeuli stated the Giggle Factory has complied with the terms of the lease Agreement and recommends approval as presented. Noted the Giggle Factory pays 5% of all sales and is granted exclusive selling rights for Lakefront Park.

MOTION by O'Keefe, second by Erickson to recommend approval of the one year lease with the Giggle Factory for concessions operation at Lakefront Park for 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO USE LAKEFRONT PARK ON JULY 7, 2018 FOR A DJ GATHERING AND PIG ROAST Jared Hanson is requesting use of the bandshell on July 7, 2018 from Noon -9pm. He stated the event invitation will include fans and several MN Hard Dance DJ's. Mr. Hanson added that free music , dancing, food and refreshments are planned for the day and that a better number expected to attend could be provided once the event is approved and posted on the social media.

The Board questioned the number expected, the type of music, noise levels, extra stages, etc. The overall consensus of the Board was to postpone discussion on the event due to the lack of unanswered questions.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PARKS 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Casanova stated the review process for all the city parks over the next several months will be to identify the capital improvements based on the master plan and/or other needed improvements. He stated once the lists are compiled the Board will then prioritize the 2019-2020 requests, obtain estimated costs and submit to Council for consideration. He added the 5 year plan is also included as an appendix in the Outdoor Recreation Plan.

ANDERSON PARK Casanova stated the restrooms were completed late fall by donations given by Paul Anderson. It was recommended the resurfacing of the basketball courts and new basketball hoops be included in the 2019-2020 requests. Zeuli added the resurfacing of the tennis/pickleball courts should be done every 6-7 years to be within the life expectancy and to avoid a total reconstruction.

BIRKMOSE PARK The overall Board agreed to keep the scenic view open and recommend continued efforts to eradicate the invasive species and look into whether the use of goats is an option. It was also suggested water fountains and possible irrigation system be considered.

BURTON PARK The Park Board referred to the conceptual plan and suggested the grading of the ball fields be a priority once the schools that use it are notified of the proposed changes. It was suggested the work to be done in 2020. It was added that ice rink upgrades and parking improvements be included on the overall 5 year improvement plan.

COONS HILL No improvements were discussed

CORKY'S PIER It was recommended the launch improvements remain on the improvement plan and that WI DNR grants and federally funded Dingell-Johnson be looked into.

Zeuli stated the Arbor Day celebration is planned for Saturday, April 28th at Lakefront Park. He stated that the tree of the years, St. Croix Elm and Japanese Lilac will be planted.

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

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Secretary