

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 505 THIRD STREET, HUDSON, WI  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Mike O’Keefe, Ron Weiler, Paul Deziel, Pam Brokaw

ABSENT Vicky Erickson

OTHERS PRESENT Tom Zeuli

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casanova.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MEEETING MINUTES Motion by Brokaw, second by O’Keefe to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Casanova was nominated by O’Keefe second Brokaw, unanimous and accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice- Chairman: O’Keefe was nominated by Cassanova second Brokaw, unanimous and accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary: Brokaw was nominated by Weiler second Paul, unanimous and accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Casanova welcomed Paul Deziel to the Park Board and briefly shared information on history of parks, use of the parks, donations that have been made over the years, Parks funding, and the parks future.

UPDATE: GOAT DAY – MUNCH BUNCH Zeuli provided update on the goats for buckthorn removal at Prospect Park. He noted that room tax funds were allocated by the Mayor to cover the first grazing and anticipates other grants and funding will be received for second grazing. Zeuli stated the goats were popular at the YMCA Earth Day event. Zeuli suggested an informational meeting prior to arrival of goats and commented that consideration on future grazing to remove thistles from other parks.

PROJECT UPDATE Zeuli stated roughly 50 people attended the Arbor Day event at Lakefront Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018. . He stated the St Croix Elm was planted in honor of John Hoggatt. He added that Hoggatt’s Grove will be established along the trail behind the bandshell in memory of a John who served a few years as the Urban Forestry Chairman and on the Board. Zeuli stated that taller trees will be planted behind the bandshell to provide natural shading for evening concerts and other events. Zeuli stated the Hudson Rotary still has trees available at Willow River Tree Farm as part of the program.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM Y.M.C.A. JUNIOR LEADERS PROGRAM TO PLACE A "BLESSINGS BOX" IN LAKEFRONT PARK This item was removed from the agenda.

ADJOURN THE MEETING AND RECONVENE AT GRANDVIEW PARK, 1100 CARMICHAEL ROAD, TO DISCUSS THE 5 YEAR PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Motion by Brokaw, second by Weiler to adjourn the meeting at City Hall and reconvene at Grandview Park. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 pm at Grandview Park. All members were present.

The Board walked the Grandview Park grounds and discussed the future restroom location, shade structure, and the proposed location for the pickle ball courts. Funding sources for these items will need to be identified. Some discussion was held on the use of impact fees and if language regarding fees could be revisited in reference to Neighborhood park versus a Community Park. Also questioned whether funds from south of 94 be used for the Community park north of 94? Chairman Casanova stated he would contact City Attorney.

The Board discussed additions to the parks and whether there is enough green space being set aside for other activity. There was brief discussion on the concession sales and the allocation of proceeds. Other amenities for Grandview Park included the possibility of an ice rink.

The Board visited the dog park where there were about a dozen dogs using the park. Several spoke to the dog owners to get their feedback that included the nice job on park, it is terrific and they would like a watering station. The Board discussed the possibility of adding a water fountain with a pet spiket. It was also mentioned that an additional light at the south end of lot near the dog park.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. Motion by O'Keefe, second by Brokaw. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Pam Brokaw  
Secretary