

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 505 THIRD STREET, HUDSON, WI
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Mike O'Keefe, Ron Weiler, Paul Deziel, Pam Brokaw, Vicky Erickson, Kevin O'Neil

OTHERS PRESENT Tom Zeuli

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casanova.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES Motion by Erickson, second by Deziel to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Park Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION 5 YEAR PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

HUDSON MEADOWS Casanova stated the Hudson Meadows Park has a small area that is mowed near the shade structure. He stated the request of the surrounding homeowners was to keep the area native. He stated the Water Utility recently built a pump house near the property.

WEBSTER PARK Casanova stated Webster Park is currently a mowed area that has been looked at for various functions. He stated the area did not have ample parking to support some of the activities.

VINE STREET SQUARE Casanova stated Vine Street Square is primarily used as the sledding hill and is located on Vine Street between 10th & 11th Street. Zeuli stated several trees have been planted around the perimeter of the park as recommended by the HUFB. He added the north east corner of the park is part of the bee pollinator project. The overall Board suggested better signage for the park.

CORKY'S PIER Casanova stated that Corky's Pier is located on Lake Mallalieu. He recommended the city consider applying for the WI DNR matching grant fund for two fishing piers located at the westerly end of the lake. Noted the application deadline is in the fall. Casanova mentioned the Xcel Energy property at the end of St Croix Street may become available to the city and how this area would tie in with the bike trail system proposed for the Wisconsin side of the St Croix River.

Further discussion continued on the parking issues at Corky's Pier. Zeuli stated the parking area was repainted to allow those to fish on the dock and also for non motorized boats to access the launch area. Noted the launch does not charge a fee. The Board recommended the capital requests include a floating dock system, matching grant funds for the piers and to continue pursuing the Xcel Energy land purchase.

WILLIAMS PARK The Board discussed the additional needs for Williams Park and agree that restroom improvements and shade structures be a priority.

PROSPECT PARK Casanova provided history on the cistern development that was proposed several years back for the park. He added that the goat grazing project will help to open the view of the overlook area. He noted that the old hospital site was purchased with a grant and must remain passive.

Zeuli stated the importance of the trail system for the overall city and for Prospect Park. Zeuli stated the Hudson Rotary and other organizations have helped to keep the buck thorn down and maintain the trails for the area. He added that the 3rd Street hill step improvements are included in the capital funds however the costs exceed the amount allocated. Board members

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questioned whether access could be obtained near the Water Utility pump house on 3rd Street to avoid construction on the steep slope.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST BY WILLOW RIVER CEMETARY TO RELOCATE THE SILAS SNELL MONUMENT FROM PROSPECT PARK The overall Board agreed to the relocation of the Silas Snell monument.

MOTION by Weiler, second by Brokaw to approve the request to relocate the Silas Snell monument to Willow River cemetery. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE

Zeuli stated the buckthorn removal by goats in Prospect Park is going well. He added that new countertops and sink have been installed in the pavilion.

Zeuli stated the small pavilion roof at Weitkamp Park was redone by city staff and also the countertops in the large pavilion have been resurfaced.

Zeuli stated the Anderson Park tennis courts were re-striped by the Pickleball Association to provide lines for pickleball.

Zeuli stated the Lakefront Beach opened on May 28th and that the buoys will be placed in the upcoming weeks once the water levels remain consistent. He added that the pump was also replaced at the Bathhouse. Noted concessions are expected to start up soon.

Zeuli stated the Walnut Street Bridge project remained on schedule and opened by Memorial Day weekend. He added that the Concerts in the Park are scheduled for the summer.

Zeuli stated the St Croix Sailing School has a signed agreement for use of park space in Lakefront Park.

Zeuli informed the Board that he will be retiring. Noted his last day of work will be September 7, 2018.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Zeuli stated the Hudson Chamber of Commerce are finalizing their plans for the Tour of Homes and are requesting permission to use Lakefront Park band shell area for a tiny home display.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Erickson to adjourn the meeting. 6:45 pm MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,

Deb Andrews
Acting Secretary