

**PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

Members Present: Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Tania Strawn, Brian Schroeder, and Joe Ard

Members Absent: Frank Norton, Christine Melby, and Student Representative James Elkin

Others Present: Lynette McCarty, Noah Wiedenfeld, Jeremiah Wendt, and Marie Bannink

Brian Schroeder moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

Brian Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2015 meeting, seconded by Tania Strawn, motion carried.

Public Business Items

None

Unfinished Business

Moving Wall, September 10 – 14, 2015:

Jeremiah Wendt stated work is being done at the park. The City has received a restoration check to repair areas if needed. Jeremiah updated the board on a water spicket that was installed. Noah Wiedenfeld updated the board on the temporary lighting that was installed as well as the parking, and message boards for the event. Brian Schroeder commented there is a low spot where the stage is located on the field and teams have been avoiding this area.

Skate Park Design/Fundraising:

Noah hosted a webinar this week with about six kids in attendance. The following is a breakdown of costs and donations for the skate park:

- Estimated Costs:
 - Equipment: \$157,500.00
 - Installation: \$17,500.00
 - Total Cost: \$175,000.00
- Equipment has a 20-year warranty
- 60-day turnaround to order and install
- Concrete Base specs
 - 100 feet by 100 feet
 - Minimum 4 inches thick
 - 1% grade in one direction
- Engineering
 - SEH will do at discounted rate of \$2,000.00
- Site prep with Class 5 base; possibility of trail
 - Donation by Monarch

- Concrete Base
 - Cemstone: \$10,000.00
 - Additional \$2,000 possible for fiber/rebar
 - Total for concrete base: \$12,000.00

Jeremiah stated there is \$60,000.00 committed in donations with another \$5,000.00 from Westconsin Credit Union. There is \$51,000.00 that can be used for Phase 1 of the skate park elements. There was discussion on the lack of kids showing interest in the skate park and spending this large amount of money. Discussion took place on concerns if there are no more funds raised; consensus is we add elements as we get funds. In January we will visit on what we have for funds and then decide what to purchase for elements.

Joe Ard moved to recommend to the City Council:

- the acceptance of the \$5,000.00 from Westconsin Credit Union
- enter into the agreement with SEH to do the site design
- accepting the site prep donation from Monarch Paving
- accepting the slab preparation from Cemstone but not to exceed \$12,000.00
 - the funds of \$14,000.00 would be taken from what has been donated
 - the 100'x100' slab be done this fall and revisit the equipment in January - February

seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

VFW – Freedom Park:

Before this goes to City Council we need a proposed agreement in place with the VFW.

New Business

Skate Park Budget:

The Park Board discussed how much support has been given to this project in the past. When the skate park was planned for the site near the hockey rink, the Park Board committed \$25-\$30,000.00 into the concept at that time. Additionally, the Park Board has contributed \$2,500 in impact fees for the design of the skate park in 2015. The Board is encouraged to see other donors involved.

Public Works Organization:

Jeremiah explained how we are working on combining the Parks & Streets Department. The job descriptions for the departments will change as they merge. City Council has approved the hiring of an Operations Manager who will handle the day by day operations.

Park Land Trust Report:

Park Land Trust Fund - \$39,424.67

Impact Fee Fund - \$41,709.05

Inspection Reports:

Joe Ard turned in a report for Monette Park. There was discussion about drinking fountains at Mary Park.

Announcements:

Noah stated he is working on a \$1,000.00 educational grant application. Rotary club and Pathway will possibly match the grant dollars. Photos of the parks and trails have been posed on the Facebook page. The Bike & Pedestrian plan will be updated and Noah asked if anyone would want to be on the committee. Jon Hailey and Brian Schroeder will represent the Park Board and the Centre. We did not receive the Tony Hawk grant; they are looking at giving grants to ½ million dollar parks.

Jeremiah updated the board on the new camp host. The host has worked out well for us. Future agenda items will be scheduling field usage at Freedom Park. When the well and irrigation were put in at Freedom park there was no backflow prevention. This will need to be installed in the spring. Jeremiah will look to see if this was included in the well or irrigation contracts.

Craig Kittel proposed to have the September meeting at Mary Park shelter #3. Craig updated the group on the John Doar Civil Rights Trail telling the Doar story.

Jon Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by
Marie Bannink
City Secretary