

**PARK BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

**Members Present:** Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Tania Strawn, Brian Schroeder, Christine Melby, Student Representative James Elkin, and Joe Ard arrived at 6:30

**Members Absent:** Frank Norton

**Others Present:** Ben Wanless, Jeremiah Wendt, and Marie Bannink

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

Brian Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

**Public Business Items**

Craig Kittel stated the groundbreaking for the skatepark took place on October 14<sup>th</sup>. There were between 20-25 people in attendance.

**Unfinished Business**

**Skate Park Design/Fundraising:**

Jeremiah Wendt updated the board on the progress of the skatepark. The site work was completed October 19<sup>th</sup>. Jeremiah has had discussions with a number of people to help with the concrete finishing. Everyone is busy getting things done before the weather changes. Bids on finishing the concrete are in the \$22-25,000 range. The question was asked why the prep and concrete work wasn't done at the same time. Monarch had time to do the donated prep work and Jeremiah stated he preferred the base to sit over the winter. There will be a little bit of fine grading that will need to be done prior to pouring concrete.

Ben Wanless has contacted Action Sports of MN for the same style ramps Arc had quoted in steel. Action Sports can build ramps with treated lumber for \$82,244.40. There was discussion on forming a "Friends of the Skatepark" group. The Friends group would look at amenities, fundraising, developing the usage of the park, and alternate means of construction. Ben will contact Colton Walker to see if he would be interested in being part of the Friends group and giving input. Colton is an amateur BMX rider and would be able to bring other riders and skaters to the park. Ben suggested the high school or some of the local businesses help with the metal segments of the park. Discussion also took place in regards to who is in charge at the park. Jon and Craig gave background information on how the "Friends of the Dog Park" and "Friends of Citizens Field" function.

Craig Kittel moved to form a "Friends of Skatepark" fundraising group with donor recognition levels for the skatepark as follows: Naming Rights: \$70,000, Platinum: \$20,000 - \$69,000, Gold: \$5,000 - \$19,000, Silver: \$500 - \$4,999, Bronze: \$100 - \$499 and Stakeholder: \$1 - \$99, seconded by Joe Ard, motion carried.

**New Business**

**Messes and Masterpieces Monsters:**

Messes and Masterpieces would like to add to their collection of *Monsters* during the spring/summer of 2016. The two locations selected were the bike tunnel near Hatfield Park - near the entrance on either end of the tunnel; and under/near the new dam bike ramp (they like the idea of the monsters tail going under the ramp and peeking out the other side). The *Monsters* will not have vegetation or need maintenance. Staff is not recommending approval of the *monster* near the dam ramp, as amenities in this area are planned to be

part of a future John Doar Civil Rights Walk but approved the other location with the oversight of staff on specific design. Ideas will be drawn and brought back to the board. Jeremiah stated the road right-of-way needs to be reviewed at the Hatfield location.

**Doughboy Trail Bench Update:**

The original plan was to have a bench in this area that would be part of the Phipps Center for the Arts “Art Bench Trail”. High costs and a lack of artists to create the bench has set the project back. Domain has proposed the installation of a simple limestone bench where the trail nears the river, with possible future benches similar in nature as funds become available. Domain will provide specifics at a future meeting.

**Freedom Park Update:**

Jeremiah gave a review of the 2015 projects which included: construction staking, excavation, granular fill, placement of granular fill, gravel, recycled concrete, landscaping, and bathroom facilities. These improvements have an estimated cost of \$140,700. To finish the projects we would need an additional \$68,885, about \$6,000 more than originally estimated. We also have the backflow preventer and irrigation extension to the north fields that had been looked at. Jeremiah reviewed possible funding sources. This will be brought back in the next few months to finalize the 2016 Park Improvements. Joe Ard moved to take \$6,000 from the Impact fees to finish the road and our portion of the backflow preventer, seconded by Tania Strawn, motion carried.

**Park Land Trust Report:**

**Park Land Trust Fund - \$57,894.04**

There is about \$5,000 in the dog park account. The Park Board will discuss projects this winter for the area. Craig will try to contact some of the “Friends of the Dog Park” for their ideas.

**Impact Fee Fund - \$19,104.47**

**Inspection Reports:**

None.

**Announcements:**

Jeremiah stated the fence on the dam has been replaced with panels and moved to the outside of the handrail. Discussion took place regarding the November – December meeting. Craig stated in the past we have done combined the two months. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

Jon Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Kittel, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by  
Marie Bannink  
City Secretary