

**PARK BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

**Members Present:** Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Joe Ard, Mandi Erickson, and Frank Norton.

**Others Present:** Noah Wiedenfeld, and Mike Mroz

**Members Absent:** Brian Schroeder and Christine Melby

Jon Hailey moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

Mandi Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting with the following changes, under park plan project rankings, baseball backstop should be Cherokee Park not Fox Run also adding rain gutters to the shelter at the dog park for a source of water for the dogs, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

**Public Business Items**

Mandi Erickson stated the kids felt it was the best learning day they had with doing projects. Jon Hailey thanked those who were at Cherokee Park for the neighborhood input.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2018 Park Projects:**

Noah Wiedenfeld shared some different ideas for toddler play equipment to be located at Paperjack Park. Motion was made by Mandi Erickson to purchase Toddler Playground 2, the Discovery Cave, and a ropewalk from Gametime Playground, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

**Park Design**

Staff contacted several design companies to develop conceptual designs for Fox Run and Whispering Prairie. The designs will be based on the feedback staff received at the open house in the fall of 2017. The following companies submitted quotes for the initial design work.

- CRS Design – Verona - \$1,600.00
- CBS Squared, Inc – Chippewa Falls - \$3,953.00
- WSB & Associated – Minneapolis - \$6,000.00
- MSA – St. Paul - \$8,000.00
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Joe Ard moved to accept the bid from CRD Design, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

**125<sup>th</sup> Street Trail Update:**

On May 14, the City Council voted to award the construction contract for the 2018 Street and Utility Improvements to Haas Sons, Inc. from Thorp, Wisconsin. As part of the bidding process, contractors submitted an alternate bid for the proposed nature trail along the Paperjack Creek between 125<sup>th</sup> Street and the Rail Bridge Trail. The alternate bids received for this project were much higher than expected, ranging from a low of \$127,688 to a high of \$181,420. Due to the higher than expected costs, the nature trail will not be included with the 2018 Street and Utility Improvements. However, there is a possibility that the nature trail could still be constructed in the future using labor and equipment from City staff. There was discussion on the striping to continue to Wisconsin Drive.

**Mary Park Boat Launch:**

The next steps are:

- Develop an RFP and submit to engineering firms for proposals
- 2018 finalize design & sources of funds
- 2019 Competitively bid out the project, award contract
- Construction

Mandi Erickson moved to develop an RFP for the Mary Park Boat Ramp design, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

**New Business****Cherokee Park Open House:**

Some of the comments were this is an older neighborhood. Comments were the church has a large playground area and it is used so why build another playground 2 block away. Consensus was to reconstruct the old backstop. Cost estimates would be gathered by staff and presented at an upcoming Park Board meeting. Benches will also be looked at being placed by the ball area.

**Officer Elections:**

Joe Ard moved to nominate Craig Kittel for president, Jon Haley for vice president and Brian Schroeder for secretary, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

**Park Land Trust Report:**

**Park Land Trust Fund - \$135,861.79**

**Impact Fees Fund – \$16,283.84**

**Announcements:**

- Craig and Jim will start selling the small signs for Citizens Field.
- We have received another Adopt-A-Garden application.
- The State Historical Society has contacted Noah on making the Doar Trail a historical trail.

Mandi Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Frank Norton, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by  
Marie Bannink  
City Secretary