

**PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

Members Present: Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Joe Ard, Brian Schroeder, Mandi Erickson, and Christine Melby.

Others Present: Michelle Johnson, Todd Nielsen, Kristen Nielsen, Sarah Sweet, Matthew Cook, Darian Blattner, Nicole Hayes, Catarine Parsons, Donna Williams, and Mike Mroz

Members Absent: Frank Norton

Jon Hailey moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Joe Ard, motion carried.

Jon Hailey moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018, seconded by Christine Melby, motion carried.

Public Business Items

Mike Mroz is working on an open house at Monette Park to see what people want to see in the park. This will be on next month's agenda. The benches for Doughboy trail are in and the plaques are ordered.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

Explanation of City Ordinance 62.5 – Reservation of Park Spaces:

Mike Mroz explained there has been an outside association contacted the city to reserve field space at Freedom Park. Mike stated when he received the reservation form there was no overlapping for usage so he granted usage. Some of the sports associations disagreed with allowing some of the associations from out of town come in to use the facility. Nick Vivian, the city attorney has written a letter regarding the ordinance; Mike has sent this out to the members earlier. Comments were made there are smaller soccer groups that don't have large resources to have their own space. We are willing to help generate resources to help support the fields. It is nice to have fields in the backyard verses driving ½ hour out of town. There was concern on there is too much stuff going on at Freedom Park already. We need to provide for the people in the community and we have the facilities to meet those needs. We need to make sure booking outside associations do not interfere with those in the community. Craig Kittel will work with Nick Vivian on the ordinance. He believes soccer should have priority for all they have done at Freedom Park fields. There needs to be a fee structure and those who have donated would have a credit to work off towards the fees. Comment was made that St. Croix Press has their land for sale and when it is sold, it will bring more groups to Freedom Park. Brian Schroeder moved to explore Ordinance 62.5 and establish a fee schedule, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

Paperjack Park Slide:

Mike gave an update on the enclosed slide, there has been ongoing vandalism, at this time he has had the slide be removed from the park. There is plywood over the opening and we are getting estimates on open slides. The replacement will come out of operating budget.

Old Middle School Site:

In short term, we have been directed to put something in short term. Staff will do an open house at that site for ideas prior to the July meeting. Send any ideas to Mike Mroz. A reminder will be sent out to members.

Mary Park Fishing Pier:

The fishing pier was damaged over the winter. We received a quote for the repair, and then our insurance adjustor came and looked at it. The insurance is going to send us a check for \$8,200.00, now would be the time to make changes out there. Joe Ard moved to recommend including the fishing pier with the redesign work for the Mary Park boat ramp seconded by Christine Melby, motion carried.

Citizens Field Sod Replacement:

Craig Kittel stated the sod should be replaced every 4th or 5th year; there are volunteers to do the project. We will apply for a Twins grant for next year. Mandi Erickson moved to replace the infield turf at Citizens Field following the 2018 playing season with paying the difference from donations, seconded by Brian Schroeder, motion carried.

Hatfield Park Handicap Parking Request:

Joe Ard moved to put a handicap parking space, seconded by Craig Kittel, motion carried.

Park Land Trust Report:

Park Land Trust Fund - \$149,345.29

Impact Fees Fund – \$20,553.84

Inspection Reports:

Turned in. Jon asked if the roof at Northside shelter be checked. Northside needs more mulch.

Announcements:

Mike Mroz will talk to the Hatfield Association regarding the bathrooms needing upgrading attention.

Jon Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joe Ard, motion carried.

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

Minutes Submitted by
Marie Bannink
City Secretary