

**PARK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

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

Members Absent: Brian Schroeder, and Christine Melby

Others Present: Dave Mehls, Noah Wiedenfeld, and Michael Mroz

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

Jon Hailey moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting, seconded by Joe Ard, motion carried.

Public Business Items

Nothing

Consent Agenda

Jon Hailey moved to approve the consent agenda, Memorial Bench Application, Adopt-A- Garden Application and New Richmond Earth Day Project, seconded by Joe Ard.

Unfinished Business:

New Richmond Softball Association Financials:

Dave Mehls gave an overview of 2017 financials. Teams are down about 30 teams since 2013. Dave explained they try to put funds into improvements each year. Paid positions are softball director, treasurer, and concession manager. There will be fencing replaced and concrete pads under some of the picnic tables. There was discussion on netting over 1 & 2. There was discussion on getting a representative from all the teams to meet to discuss what is needed for improvements.

New Business

Park Plan Review:

On an annual basis the Park Board reviews the Park System Plan to identify amenities that may need to be added to a Park which will help aid future development decisions. The annual review is also an opportunity for the Park Board to observe progress and eliminate those amenities that may not fit the needs of an individual park anymore.

The following is a list of amenities that the board choose to add or eliminate from the Park Plan.

- Citizens Field – add & upgrade lights
- Cyclone Park – make sure there are 117 trees
- Doar Prairie – control burn
- Dog Park – asphalt parking lot, add rain trough, fencing done last year
- Glover Park – concrete slabs for picnic tables, band shell, water feature
- Hatfield – repaving & expanding parking lot, fishing pier, walking trail around park
- Campgrounds – adding Wifi, fire pits (communal pits) , grills, paving the roads
- Hemmingway Park – fishing pier
- Marita Park – add tot lot

- Peterson Park – add artwork
- Monette Park – lighting (solar), picnic tables
- Mary Park – Boat landing, benches, grills, bike racks, shore line restoration, tennis courts/pickle ball
- Nature Center – walking bridges, buckthorn removal, connection to Doar Prairie, electric at shelter
- Northside Park – Boarder around equipment, infant/toddler area
- Paperjack – 3-4 hole disc golf course, miniature could do more holes
- Paperjack Greenway – Walking trails, wood fence needs repair, control burn
- Paperjack Nature Way – trails
- Sports Center – roof repair, more defined parking
- Ted McCabe Park – site for art sculpture or small fountain
- Victoria Park – benches, signs about veterans memorial replaced, skating rink in winter, discussion on moving the trash containers to one on each end of the trail
- Woodland Creek Park – Construct shelter, trail through wooded area, basketball court

There was also a Freedom Park Open house prior to the March Park Board meeting to discuss changes to the original design done in 2005. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions about current development and prioritize upcoming projects from the following list:

- Permanent restrooms & shelter
- Pave current parking lots and road
- 1 250' baseball/softball field without lights
- Complete walking trail and Frisbee golf course
- Playground and beach
- Bleachers and concession stand for existing fields
- Construct parking lot east of fields 5 & 6 – extend road to the north

Tabulations and comments will be compiled and presented at an upcoming Park Board meeting.

Park Plan Project Rankings:

Table until April meeting.

Tail Names:

There are some trails in the City that do not have names. Direction is requested from the Park Board so that City staff may proceed with ordering signage and updating the trails map. Below are the unnamed trails that have been identified, with proposed names from City staff.

Location/Description	Proposed Name(s)
North Fourth Street	Northside Trail
115 th Street (near Doar Prairie Restoration)	Hilltop Trail
Deere Drive (near Bernards, Johnson Motors)	Deere Trail
W 8 th Street, Quail Run, W Edge Place (Willowind Development)	Willow Trail Quail Trail W Edge Trail

Joe Ard moved to accept the names as presented, seconded by Jon Hailey, motion carried.

Park Land Trust Report:

Park Land Trust Fund - \$131,339.00

Impact Fees Fund – \$16,228.47

Announcements:

We have received confirmation from the Wisconsin Waterways committee that the City is in the running to receive a grant to aid the reconstruction of the Mary Park boat launch. Staff give a presentation and to the committee on April 10th for further consideration.

Joe Ard moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Frank Norton, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by
Marie Bannink
City Secretary