

CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
PARK BOARD  
June 16, 2009 Meeting Summary  
4:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Gene Shaw, Chairman; Anne Larson; Mike Koppy; Tom Eng; Joe Schmitz; Brad Tafs Councilor, John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director

Members Absent: All members present

Others Present:

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Joe Schmitz to approve the May 19, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Anne Larson. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There was no one present for public discussion.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Anne Larson – No report

Mike Koppy – Cleared trails at Keene Creek Park of downed trees and would like to see trail near City Hall get mowed.

Tom Eng – No report

Joe Schmitz– No report

Gene Shaw – No report

Brad Tafs – No report

**CITY PLANNER/ZONING DIRECTOR REPORT**

John Klaers – No report

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Communication 09-208 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Joey Francisco, 5435 Amundson Road rearding Rose Road Outfield Fencing

Communication 09-226 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Mark Wasbotten, Dell Comm regarding Proposal to City of Hermantown for Park Security Cameras

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Communication 09-227 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Mike Polley, Security & Fire Division regarding proposal to City of Hermantown for Park Security Cameras

Communication 09-228 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Tom Rogentine, Arrowhead Radio & Security regarding proposal to City of Hermantown for Park Security Cameras

Communication 09-231 from Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator to Mayor Boucher & City Council regarding Hermantown Community Park – Landscaping Proposals

Communication 09-245 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Chairman Shaw & Park Board Members regarding report from MUSCO Lighting

Communication 09-246 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Chairman Shaw & Park Board Members regarding Proposal for basketball fencing

Communication 09-253 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Chairman Shaw & Park Board Members regarding New Board Member Joe Schmitz

Communication 09-254 from John Klaers, City Planner / Zoning Director to Chairman Shaw & Park Board Members regarding Hermantown Community Park Improvements

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Board Member Terms

Motion made by Anne Larson to remove Terry Fawcett from the Park Board due to lack of participation. Seconded by Mike Kopyy. Motion carried.

#### MUSCO Lighting

Craig Gallop, MUSCO Lighting inspected the baseball fields at Fichtner Field for lighting recommendations. After completing readings on both fields it was concluded that Field #2, used by Little League and High School Girl's Softball, was adequately lit. However, it was recommended to replace the existing lights and poles on Field #1 with a new lighting system. The new equipment recommended for Field#1 is estimated at \$156,609, which is nearly double the amount set aside for this work. The estimate does *not* include removal of existing systems or any modifications to underground electrical wiring, which MUSCO does not do.

Since the lighting of Field #1 is sub standard, John Klaers forwarded a copy of the estimate and report from MUSCO Lighting to Jerry Folman of Little League. It was briefly discussed at the City's Fast Track Meeting last Friday, the City Attorney did not make any mention of liability, but John wonders what the City would be held accountable for if something were to happen on the field at night.

The Board discussed alternatives to requesting the money in next years budget, such as the available funds in the Park Dedication Fund, the money still owed to the City from the Soccer Association and possible rebates from Minnesota Power for more efficient

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lighting. Board members also inquired about getting a second bid and comparing the results. Members agreed that MUSCO Lighting is the leading stadium lighting company with a good reputation.

Board members discussed having the City get cost estimates for running the lights per game or per hour at the field and next year billing the User Groups accordingly.

The Board would like to receive input from Minnesota Power regarding the information from MUSCO and will revisit this matter at the July 21, 2009 Park Board Meeting.

### Hermantown Community Park Improvements

Miller Creek Lawn & Landscape submitted the breakdown of material and the cost of labor for this project for the Park Boards information. The City anticipates the work to begin shortly and is optimistic of it being completed by Summerfest. John Klaers is waiting to receive additional information about the rocks for the signs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Basketball Court Fencing

Horner Fence Co. of Aitkin, MN has submitted a proposal to replace the existing fence at the basketball court with all 10-foot high fencing for \$2,456.47. According to Arlene Tucker, City Finance Director, the Park Board budgeted \$5,000 for Land Maintenance and Repair, of which Dean Sharpe has already spent about \$2,100 leaving enough money to repair the fencing. If the Park Board decides to do the fencing project, that would deplete this years budget.

The Board agrees that the basketball court is utilized by the community and would like to fix this problem.

Motion made by Joe Schmitz to recommend City Council approve the proposal from Horner Fence Co. for \$2,456.47 to replace the basketball court fencing. Seconded by Anne Larson. Motion carried.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

### May 2009 Bills

Motion made by Mike Kopyy to approve the May 2009 Bills. Seconded by Tom Eng. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Tom Eng to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Anne Larson. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

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Gene Shaw, Chairman

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Erika Johnson, Planning & Zoning Coordinator