

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
March 15, 2016 Meeting Summary
4:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jordan Urshan; Gene Shaw; Tom Eng; Michael Miller; Councilor Natalie Peterson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Mulder, City Administrator; Eric Johnson, Comm. Dev. Dir.; Ted Kiefat, Little League, Nathan Madill, HYSA

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Michael Miller. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION - None

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

Signs in the Parks

John Mulder indicated that the issue has not yet been addressed. The Park Board was open to the idea and the City wanted to review the sign ordinance to see how the two interacted. Ted Kiefat presented a mock up plan and would like to see this completed. The Park Board discussed a two year trial period. Nathan Madill commented that the competitive soccer team got a proposal to be sponsored and part of that requirement was that the sponsor could hang a banner at the field. New signs are perforated and the wind goes right through them and they will hold up much better than the old ones. Ted Kiefat stated that they have people who want to do the signs and spread them out so that each field has a little bit of advertising, as well as the placement of the signs.

John Mulder said staff will take a look at it in the next two weeks. The City will work out the parameters, the size, materials, and will send it out to the user groups and Park Board for their comments.

Update on User Group Agreements

The city has received the agreement from the Soccer Association, and Youth Baseball turned in their signed agreement at the meeting. John Mulder stated that the only party that we've heard back from was the school district. The school district has asked for a reduction in the annual \$5,000 fee to \$0 after three years. The school district feels that no other group is required to pay a license fee, so they questioned why they should. Natalie Peterson inquired about setting up a separate account so that the money can be used towards those capital investments/improvements. John Mulder will set up a meeting with the School Board to discuss the capital investment/improvement plan.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Spring Park Tour – Tentative Dates

John Mulder would like to set up the Spring Park Tour for May 11, 2016. The City will set the schedule and let the user groups know.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Communication 16-26 from City of Proctor to City of Hermantown regarding Resolution 09-16, Munger Trail Spur

John Mulder indicated the City of Proctor authorized the submission of the Munger Trail Spur Study to the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Council for destination as a Master Plan.

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John also suggested to the Board that they start thinking about accessibility issues in parks. There may be an opportunity to apply for some grant money to improve accessibility.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Eng – No report
Michael Miller – No report
Gene Shaw – No report
Jordan Urshan - No report
Natalie Peterson – No report

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Tom Eng to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gene Shaw. Meeting adjourned at 5:03PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Jordan Urshan, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant