

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
May 17, 2016 Meeting Summary
4:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jordan Urshan; Gene Shaw; Tom Eng; Jim Sonneson

Members Absent: Michael Miller; Councilor Natalie Peterson

Others Present: John Mulder, City Administrator; Eric Johnson, Comm. Dev. Dir.; Jim Crace, Police Chief; Wayne Boucher, Mayor; Kerry Juntunen, ISD 700; Beth Clark, ISD 700; Jim Crace, Chief of Police, City of Hermantown; Ross Bjorlin, soccer; Jerry Kaldor, ISD 700; Joe Schmitz, ISD 700; Heather Hren, ISD 700; and Nathan Madill, HYSA.

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Tom Eng. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Joe Schmitz, physical education teacher at Hermantown Elementary, Jerry Kaldor, music teacher at Hermantown Elementary and Heather Hren, first grade teacher at Hermantown Elementary were at the Park Board to see if the City would be interested in partnering with the elementary schools in redoing the elementary playgrounds. Joe stated that they are looking at also improving the accessibility of individuals with disabilities. Joe, Jerry and Heather wondered if the City would be interested in partnering with the groups that are currently working on fundraising and exploring the possibility of helping re-do those playgrounds. Joe stated that they are really at the exploratory phase of seeing what needs to be replaced at the elementary school with regards to accessibility, safety concerns and seeing what the community really wants.

John Mulder, City Administrator stated that someone from the City could sit in on the community meetings, but he stated the City does not have a commitment at this point one way or the other. John asked the teachers to send him a copy of the meeting dates and times.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Tour Review

John Mulder, City Administrator opened the discussion with the preliminary list of maintenance items for the city parks. The reports for each park are broken down into different categories; maintenance issues to be addressed this summer; items for next year's budget; capital items and the lead person for each item. City staff did a preliminary walk through of the parks to list those maintenance issues as well as view the general conditions of the trails. Other items discussed were the various fields at each of the parks.

Stebner Park – The Board discussed at length the location of the gate to the park. The discussion centered around how to open the park yet continue to protect the soccer fields.

After much discussion regarding the public parks and when/how to keep them open to the community, John Mulder suggested the Board lay out some preliminary plans to discuss at the June 21, 2016 meeting.

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Temporary Park Sign Regulations

John Mulder discussed the temporary park sign regulations for a trial period of 2016-2017.

John Mulder stated that draft regulations have been mailed out to the user groups on April 23, 2016. To date, the City has not heard anything back. The trial period will run from May 15, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the temporary park sign regulations for a trial period of 2016-2017. Seconded by Tom Eng. Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Park Usage – K-9 Trials June 2017

The Hermantown Police Department will be hosting K-9 Trials on June 25-27, 2017. This is a large scale event that will bring 100 plus Police K-9 teams, plus family members and event judges into our community.

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the City using the parks for K-9 trials by the Hermantown Police Dept. for June 25-27, 2017. Seconded by Tom Eng. Motion carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Eng –	No report
Michael Miller –	Absent
Gene Shaw –	No report
Jim Sonneson –	No report
Jordan Urshan –	No report
Natalie Peterson –	Absent

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Tom Eng to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Jordan Urshan, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant