

CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
PARK BOARD  
September 20, 2016 Meeting Summary  
4:30 PM

**1. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Gene Shaw; Jordan Urshan; and Jim Sonneson.

Members Absent: Tom Eng; Mike Miller; and Natalie Peterson.

Others Present: John Mulder, City Administrator; and Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Paul Senst, Public Works Director; and Bert Ewer.

**2. MINUTES**

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the August 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**4. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5A. Maintenance Report.

John Mulder, City Administrator – John reported that the report has been updated with maintenance items that were identified during the 2016 Spring Park Tour. The list includes a number of items still needing to be addressed with others that require a longer term vision of the direction. There are also a number of items that require further discussion with the user groups to determine fair and reasonable expectation.

5B. Softball Fields:

In August 2015, the engineer's estimate for two softball fields at Rose Road was \$687,250; and \$405,900 at Keene Creek.

City Staff met with Brad Ewer of Girls Softball to discuss the needs at Keene Creek to make the existing field outfitted to hold games at that location. We then asked the City Engineer to review the cost estimate for one field at Rose Road and Keene Creek. The revised estimate is \$339,055 at Rose Road and \$164,725 at Keene Creek.

The Softball Association already prefers the Rose Road site in order to locate all of the fields in one place. Staff will continue to re-fine the cost estimates

5C. Munger Trail Grant.

The City is requesting a grant of \$1,000,000, with a City of Hermantown match of \$50,000, for the purpose of finalization of the Master Plan trail alignment, engaging an engineering firm with the construction document process, and the acquisition of easements associated with the first segment (Hermantown Schools Campus to Stebner Park).

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Motion made by Jim Sonneson to support the funding request associated with the Munger Trail Spur. Seconded by Gene Shaw. Motion carried.

#### 5D. Dates for Fall Tour.

Set tentative date for Fall Park Tour sometime in October.

A date in the month of October, 2016 will be determined.

#### 5E. Tennis Court Contributions.

The Hermantown School District has requested that the City pay half of the costs (\$10,400) to resurface half of the tennis courts.

According to John Mulder, in 2007, \$8,000 was paid to support the work there. His recommendation is that the Park Board would contribute to the current cost.

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the request for payment of half of the improvements to the tennis courts. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Motion carried.

#### 5F. Second Grade Report.

Mulder presented an informational report on what the majority of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at the Hermantown Elementary School want to see in our City Parks.

#### 5G. UWS Baseball Request.

The UWS Baseball Team submitted a signed agreement, and insurance coverage, and are willing to pay \$50 per day to utilize Fichtner Field 1 for the teams practice from September 20, 2016 to October 27, 2016.

Mulder noted that he had been in contact with the Little League and to the Hermantown School for their input and/or objections, and he has not heard back from either group. He believes that Board should approve the use.

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the UWS Baseball Teams use of Fichtner Field 1 for their teams' practice from September 20, 2016 to October 27, 2016. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Motion carried.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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**7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Tom Eng – Absent.

Michael Miller – Absent.

Gene Shaw – None.

Jim Sonneson – None.

Jordan Urshan – Stated that he had spoken with Nicole Anderson regarding the soccer gates.

This continues to be discussed. Mulder stated that he would set up a meeting with the Soccer Association sometime in October, 2016 to discuss this issue.

Natalie Peterson – Absent.

**8. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Gene Shaw to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

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Jordan Urshan, Chair

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Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant