

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, September 1, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Colleen O'Brien-Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Answering the call were members John Helgeson, Michelle Ortner, and Todd Wolf. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that Doug Ernie, Mona Houston, and Howard Novotny were absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Mark Richert and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from July 11, 2016 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Ortner) to approve the minutes of July 11, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

None

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent was not present – no report.

Brown's Beach sign

Signs have conflicting rules regarding pet use at Brown's Beach. Ortner suggested the board table the discussion until Spring 2017.

Ferry Landing Beach

The village has received numerous complaints regarding personal watercraft (PWC) usage on and near Ferry Landing Beach. The complaints have included high levels of noise from the numerous PWC on the river; numerous PWC and gas cans lined up on the shore; lack of space for others to use the beach; volume of traffic and lack of parking in the lot and on the streets near the park; crowded beach on the weekends; PWC driving at a high speed onto the shore. Richert reported that there are currently no village ordinances to restrict PWC use at Ferry Landing Beach. Richert stated that the Police Department has seen just one instance of open alcoholic container. There are no other ordinances which the police department can enforce. Richert suggested that the Park Board could ask for feedback from village residents regarding PWC usage. Some of the current PWC operators are village residents and may provide a different viewpoint regarding restriction of personal watercrafts at Ferry Landing Beach. Ferry Landing Beach has never been designated as an official beach or boat landing, to do so would require numerous improvements and maintenance. The village doesn't have jurisdiction over water craft after they leave the shore, the river is under the jurisdiction of the DNR and St. Croix County. The Park Board will investigate and continue work on this issue over the winter months.

2017 Budget

Ortner asked whether any sand blankets need to be refreshed. Ortner suggested each board member look over their assigned parks to identify needed updates or replacements. Ortner suggested as a future project to have a designated sand box with edging, seats, and digger toys be installed at Glen Oaks Park. O'Brien-Berglund suggested that project could be included in the 2017 budget since there are no other large cost items identified for the Park Board budget.

Future Agenda Items

Ferry Landing Beach.

Adjournment

Motion (Ortner/Helgeson) to adjourn. Motion carried. O'Brien-Berglund declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary