

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Kirk Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Answering the call were members Frank Halverson, John Helgeson, Michelle Ortner, and Todd Wolf. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that board members Doug Ernie and Mona Martinez were absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from March 7, 2019 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Ortner/Helgeson and Wolf) to approve the minutes of March 7, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

None.

Chair update

Nelson said that he is excited for the new year. The theme this year is to “Keep cleaning up all the parks”.

Brown’s Beach retaining wall

Halverson obtained two bids from Environmental Landscape for repair or replacement of the retaining wall at Brown’s Beach, one of which was estimated to cost \$51,000. The existing wall is deteriorated and the steps are not up to code. Tree roots are holding back more of the soil than the landscape timbers. He believes there is nothing that can be repaired – the wall must be removed or replaced. Nelson said he isn’t sure where to start, because the Park Board doesn’t have the money to make the required repairs. Wolf asked if the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would be able to contribute money towards the repairs. Moos said that he will have to contact the DNR for their input, since they will certainly have something to say about what happens with the retaining wall. Nelson asked if the wall in its current condition is a danger to visitors. Halverson believes it could be a danger if the area encounters a lot of rain. Nelson asked if contacting the DNR is the next step. Moos offered to contact the DNR to determine the steps going forward.

Halverson said that there is very little beach below the wall. He asked whether an option is to bury the wall and install a non-maintenance path. Moos stated that the beach is used quite a bit. Nelson identified the next steps as contacting the DNR and determining what is the best course of action for the wall.

Ferry Landing Park beach and pedestrian mall

Nelson said that plans are to continue trimming up and cleaning up in Ferry Landing Park, determine where parking should be located, and how no parking areas should be marked. Moos stated that he has spoken with North Hudson Police Chief Mark Richert regarding current and future ordinances regarding use of the beach, river, and parking areas. He reported that Richert said that the village has done as much as it can do to deter bad

behavior on the river and in the park. Nelson offered to investigate how to enforce the existing village ordinances and possible new ordinance options. Moos said that enforcement of ordinances is the hard part, between the people using the water and people using spaces on the shore. He hopes that the situation with the personal watercraft groups will be better this summer with the police department being fully staffed.

Movie in the Park

Nelson asked the board members when they want to start showing movies in the park – May or June at the earliest. Several committee members recommended that they start in June. Nelson is looking for ways to publicize the event. Suggestions include notices on North Hudson business signs, and advertisements on Kozy Korner pizza boxes. Nelson asked the board members if a small amount of money should be spent on advertising. Ortner suggested that a notice be placed in family folders for students at North Hudson Elementary School before the school year is finished; having a schedule for the summer would be beneficial to include in the notice. Movie nights will remain on Wednesday evenings. There are no suggestions for movie titles at this time. Nelson would like to target teen viewers one month.

Nelson said that they will have to find a new popcorn machine unless Jim Boschuetz provides one. Nelson offered to contact Boschuetz to make arrangements for the popcorn machine.

Park Board committee future goals

Brown's Beach retaining wall; Movies in the Park; Ferry Landing, including stump grinding; update on monarch garden; update on Boy Scout project; update on Pepper Fest Park expansion; look for park improvements; Nelson said the Park Board has a little bit of money for improvements.

Superintendent's Report

Moos stated that he is waiting for the snow to melt. He has wood chips ready to go; however, no work is being done in the parks yet. Nelson asked if Moos has a date for installation of the monarch garden; Moos said he will contact Sgt. Rosenthal of St. Croix Correctional Center to schedule the installation.

Moos will try creeping thyme in a small area again this summer; the plants he put in last year died. Glen Oaks will be the first park to have grass seed planted. Stump grinding will be done this year, concentrating on Ferry Landing Park.

Future agenda items

Park seeding.

Adjournment

Motion (Ortner/Helgeson) to adjourn. Motion carried. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary