

**Village of North Hudson  
Park Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
Village Hall, 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Hudson, WI 54016**

**Call to Order: roll call**

Chair Kirk Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Answering the call were members Doug Ernie, John Helgeson, Mona Martinez, Howard Novotny, Michelle Ortner and Todd Wolf. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

**Approval of minutes from March 1, 2018 Park Board Meeting**

**Motion (Ortner/Helgeson) to approve the minutes of March 1, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the floor**

None.

**Chair update**

Nothing to report.

**Ferry Landing bath house roof**

Moos reported that the roof of the bath house in Ferry Landing Park needs to be replaced – there is damage at the top of the roof and there are deteriorated shingles. Moos got quotes for a shingle roof and a metal roof. Nelson asked Moos where the funds for the roof replacement will come from. Moos thinks funds from the Park Board budget can be used – one account has \$8000 in it and the other has none. Nelson asked whether the roof needs to be repaired, is it leaking? Moos said the roof is not leaking, but should be fixed. Nelson is nervous about the next maintenance issue not having any money to address it. Martinez asked what is the longevity of the two materials. Wolf believes a metal roof would last roughly twice as long as a shingle roof. Moos asked whether this topic should be postponed until next month to determine where the money will come from and review the quotes. Moos to do more research on metal vs. shingle roofing materials.

**Sand box at Glen Oaks**

Moos reviewed the issue statement that was before the Park Board. Wolf asked why Moos got quotes on composite materials rather than pressure-treated timbers. Moos stated that there is little or no maintenance with composite material; timbers need to be dried before installation and can warp. Nelson asked whether any other village parks have composite materials; Moos stated that all parks currently have wood. Nelson reminded the board of the limited funds for the year. Wolf suggested waiting to include this project in the 2019 budget. Ortner suggested tabling discussion until next month to identify the source of funds and to research materials. Ortner and Martinez both think the sandbox would get a lot of

use in Glen Oaks Park. Novotny reminded the board that the roof at Ferry Landing Park bath house needs to be repaired before more damage takes place.

**Motion (Ortner/Helgeson/Martinez) to purchase a 12x12 foot sandbox from Burke Premiere Play Environments not to exceed \$750. Motion carried.**

### **Inspection of all parks**

Tabled due to snow.

### **Tree inventory of all Village trees**

At a recent tree course he attended, Moos learned that the village needs to have diversity of trees. He would like volunteers to count, measure, and document all existing trees in the village, including those on private property, for consideration before future tree purchases. Nelson suggested sending information regarding this activity to all village residents via the new e-mail distribution list.

### **Update Park Board website**

Nelson requested that the park board members send photos of the parks to him or Moos. He also asked the board members to note park amenities as well.

### **Movie in the park**

Nelson and Moos have discussed having movies in the park for village residents. Kozy Korner will provide the equipment needed to show the movies. The first park will be Pepper Fest in June. Novotny asked which parks would be used throughout the summer. Nelson stated that Chief Jansen, Ferry Landing, and Pepper Fest parks have been identified, since electricity is needed to project the films and these parks have electricity sources. Nelson will ask village residents for movie suggestions. He would like to have an event the same evening each month. Novotny asked whether Derrick will have issues with events taking place in Chief Jansen Park. Ernie said the park belongs to the village and private parties should not have control over what activities take place there. Moos will research restrictions on use of Chief Jansen Park. Ernie doesn't recall any restrictions identified when the land was donated by Derrick for park use.

### **Superintendent's Report**

During the Shade Tree short course in which he participated, Moos reported that he learned about pruning, climbing, and recognizing diseases in trees. Nelson asked Moos to take before and after photos when the department does tree pruning. Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) staff demonstrated how tree refuse is used on rip-rap to encourage tree and vegetation growth. Martinez suggested putting a request on the village website to have village residents donate their tree limbs and related refuse to use on rip-rap at Ferry Landing Park.

Moos reported that the St. Croix River Association will be at Ferry Landing throughout the summer to do an Invasive Species study. They will be at the Ferry Landing boat launch Fridays through Sundays in June through August.

**Future agenda items**

Ferry Landing bath house roof repair; inspection of all village parks; inventory of all village trees; movies in the park; tree pruning in the village; research Chief Jansen Park restrictions; review perennial ground cover; wayfinding signs for Chief Jansen Park.

**Adjournment**

**Motion (Helgeson/Martinez/Ortner) to adjourn.** Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald  
Recording Secretary