

**Village of North Hudson  
Park Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 2, 2020, 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 John Helgeson, Mona Martinez, Michelle Ortner, and Todd Wolf. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that board member Doug Ernie was absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

**Approval of minutes from June 4, 2020 Park Board Meeting**

**Motion (Ortner/Martinez) to approve the minutes of June 4, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the floor**

None.

**Pepper Fest land donation**

Nelson said he spoke with Pepper Fest Board president Tim Zais regarding the land donation. Zais said the payments for the land and future development will continue as planned in spite of Pepper Fest being canceled in 2020.

**Brown's Beach retaining wall**

Moos stated he will work with Ortner and Martinez on the grant application during the winter.

**Movie in the Park equipment**

The Park Board discussed dates for Movie in the Park nights this summer. The suggested dates are Wednesday, July 15, Wednesday, August 12, and/or Saturday, August 22. Moos will prepare a presentation for the village board meeting on July 7, 2020. Nelson asked the board to suggest movies for upcoming Movie Nights.

Nelson said discussion about movie equipment will take place during August's Park Board meeting. A screen has been donated, and it may be possible to mount hangers on the warming house to suspend the screen during events.

**Pickle Ball Court at Sommers Landing Park**

Moos reported that the cost for pickle ball equipment is about \$500. Wolf said he would rather use Parks money for park improvements – tree care, buck thorn removal, planting grass, etc. Nelson said he and Moos can promote those improvements as part of the next Park Board plan. Nelson suggested using goats and the St. Croix Correctional Center work crew for buck thorn and brush removal. Nelson asked Moos to develop a cost estimate for goat rental, including multiple uses of the goats.

### **Placement of permanent ground lighting for flag at Chief Jansen Park**

Moos provided a cost estimate for Scott Freer Electric to install an electric light for the flag pole at Chief Jansen Park. Moos said he has installed two solar lights in the past, but they don't last for very long and cost \$300-400 each. Moos thought the estimate was reasonable. Nelson asked how much is in the fund for Chief Jansen Park – Moos said it contains between \$3200 and \$3400. Wolf asked why Chief Jansen Park has a separate fund. Nelson explained that a donation was made which required that it be used solely for improvements to Chief Jansen Park.

**Motion (Martinez/Helgeson) to have Scott Freer Electric install in-ground lighting at Chief Jansen Memorial Park with cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funds to be used from assigned Chief Jansen Park account. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0. Nelson-yes, Helgeson-yes, Martinez-yes, Ortner-yes, Wolf-yes.**

### **Glen Oaks Park repair of basketball court**

Moos asked the board if they agree with moving the basketball court to avoid tree roots under the current location; board members indicated they agree. The new location of the court should be far enough from the street to provide safety if balls bounce off the court. The cost to put in a new court is under \$500; the Public Works staff can do the preparation work and St. Croix County Highway Department or a paving company can lay the asphalt. Moos is reluctant to remove healthy trees; he has to remove ash trees to prevent the spread of emerald ash borer, and many trees will be removed in 2021 during the Highway 35 project. Nelson asked Moos to prepare detailed estimates to remove the cottonwood tree and to move and pave the new basketball court.

### **Chair update**

Nelson announced a new member joining the Park Board. Gina Hannick will be recommended for appointment at the village board meeting on July 7, 2020, and will attend her first Park Board meeting in August.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Moos reported the Public Works department planted four new trees on the south side of Pepper Fest Park and one in Eagle Woods Park.

Buoys are in place at the beaches. Rest rooms will remain closed until further notice.

The recent big rain storm caused quite a bit of wash out on the pedestrian mall at Ferry Landing; Public Works cleaned it up and will touch up the area soon. Moos has seen lots of people enjoying Ferry Landing Beach.

Ortner asked Moos if the new trees are being sufficiently watered – Moos stated they are.

### **Park Board committee future goals**

Update park signage; Park Board members to identify possible areas for cleanup or improvement; discuss splash pad for future installation; review parks plan.

### **Future agenda items**

Pepper Fest land donation; Movie in the Park; Pickle Ball Court at Sommers Landing Park; use of goats for buck thorn removal; Glen Oaks Park repair or move of basketball court.

**Adjournment**

**Motion (Helgeson/Ortner) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald  
Recording Secretary