

Village of North Hudson
400 Seventh Street N.
Hudson, WI 54016
PARK BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Colleen O'Brien-Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Answering the call were members Douglas Ernie, Todd Wolf, Michelle Ortner, Mona Houston and John Helgeson. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that Howard Novotny was not in attendance. Ekblad arrived at 6:36 p.m. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary, Traci Miller.

Approval of minutes of August 10, 2015 meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Houston) to approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

None

Superintendent's Report

None at this time.

Memorial Bench for Dan Ortner in Pepper Fest Park

Motion (Helgeson/Houston) to recommend approving a memorial bench for Dan Ortner and Eric, Michael and Matt Larson to be placed in Pepper Fest Park. O'Brien-Berglund stated that Michelle Ortner had requested a memorial bench be placed in Pepper Fest Park. Discussion followed. O'Brien-Berglund stated she would find out from Ekblad what company a previous memorial bench was purchased from. Ortner asked if she could include all four men's names on the bench. The committee was in agreement of this. Ekblad arrived at 6:36 p.m. O'Brien-Berglund asked what the cost was for a previously installed memorial bench. He thought it was around \$700. It may take some time for the plaque to be engraved. Spring may be the best time for installation. **Motion carried.**

Mutt Mitt Containers

Houston stated she had not contacted the Park Director as of this date. She stated she would do this by next meeting.

Ice Rink

Ekblad stated the Public Works Department is willing to flood this area depending on weather.

Brown's Beach-Lifeguard, Retaining Wall Repair

O'Brien-Berglund reviewed the issue raised for a lifeguard at Brown's Beach, as well as fixing the retaining wall at the beach. Ekblad stated budget constraints are the biggest concerns for this. The retaining wall would need to be inspected by the Engineer and would need to be requested as a 2017 budget item.

Website Update

Houston brought up an issue about a link on the current website that needs to be changed to direct visitors to the parks. O'Brien-Berglund stated she would make this request to the Village Clerk. Houston felt descriptions should be added to the parks also.

Park Plan

O'Brien-Berglund stated that updates for the Park Plan were made last year; therefore, this is not a priority at this time. She welcomed any suggestions.

St. Croix Bike and Pedestrian Coalition-Update

O'Brien-Berglund reviewed some upcoming dates for open houses and meeting dates of the St. Croix Bike and Pedestrian Coalition and invited the committee members to attend.

Budget 2016

O'Brien-Berglund stated there are no big budget requests for the 2016 budget. She reviewed Novotny's suggestion of a bocce ball course or horseshoe pit in Chief Jansen Park. Ekblad stated there is some money left in this year's budget if the committee wanted to pursue this yet this year.

Future Agenda

Boy Scouts project ideas, Boat landing at Ferry Landing Park and parking situation.

Adjourn

Motion (Helgeson/Houston) to adjourn. O'Brien-Berglund declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Traci Miller
Recording Secretary