

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, March 1, 2018, 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 6:34 p.m. Answering the call were members John Helgeson, Howard Novotny, and Michelle Ortner. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Members Doug Ernie, Mona Martinez and Todd Wolf were absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from November 2, 2017 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Ortner) to approve the minutes of November 2, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

None.

Chair update

Nothing to report – spring is coming.

Superintendent's Report

Picnic table painting is nearly complete, except for Ferry Landing Park, where the tables are chained down.

Members of the Public Works staff will attend a shade tree arborist short course class at Bethel University on March 13th and 14th, 2018. Moos' desire is to have at least one member of Public Works become a certified arborist. Moos was told by the city of Hudson's Public Works staff that the class is good. Attendance will allow Moos to be notified of grants being offered for Public Works equipment. Nelson asked what is the up-front cost of the classes. Moos stated it is \$235 per person, and that he and Joe Curran will attend.

Moos updated the Park Board regarding snow plowing.

Moos stated that repairs to the shelter roof in Ferry Landing Park will be done when the weather permits. Moos will present the updated repair cost to the board before performing the repairs. Moos feels his department can complete the repairs. Helgeson asked whether the village has insurance which would cover the damages; Moos believes it does, but the deductible is probably more than the repairs will cost.

Moos reported that the walking paths in Chief Jansen Park had been cleared all winter until the most recent snow, because of the heavy snow and narrow width of the path.

Winter park maintenance update

Moos referred the board members to his superintendent's report just presented. Moos asked if any board members have issues in their respective parks. Novotny shared a report from a resident asking for Mutt Mitts in Sommers Landing Park. Several board members recalled that the board voted to remove the Mutt Mitts dispensers from parks since the mitts were being used for other purposes. Nelson directed the board members to visit their assigned parks before the next board meeting, and bring any issues or needs to the next meeting. Moos has been notified by the DNR that water quality samples will be taken this summer.

Future agenda items

Ferry Landing shelter roof repair; board members' review of their assigned parks; updated park photos; discussion of boat launching and parking at Ferry Landing and possible fee implementation, as well as what can be done to keep beaches enjoyable for everyone; updated costs for sandbox improvements.

Adjournment

Motion (Ortner/Helgeson) to adjourn. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary