

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020, 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 Doug Ernie, John Helgeson, Mona Martinez, and Michelle Ortner. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that board members Frank Halvorson and Todd Wolf were absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Lois Zezza.

Approval of minutes from December 5, 2019 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Martinez) to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Village resident Diane Zais, of 629 Cherry Circle North, introduced herself as the co-facilitator of the North Hudson Neighborhood Watch. The bike rodeo last summer was a success but they would like to do something new for the 2nd Annual Safe Summer Send-off. It is tentatively planned for May 30th at Pepper Fest Park. This is a welcoming family event with food, games, and vendor stations with information. Everyone is welcome to a brainstorming meeting at the North Hudson Village Hall on Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m. The Winter Fun Day did not happen this year because of the weather but they are working on plans for next winter and will get a date set and work on ideas for the event.

Pepper Fest land donation

Nothing new to update at this time. Will keep on the agenda.

Brown's Beach retaining wall

Ortner reported that the grant application is prepared as far as they can go. She and Martinez will meet with the Village Administrator, Melissa Luedke. They will possibly include the village engineer to help answer questions. Goal is to have it in before it is due on May 1st.

Movie in the Park

The plan is to purchase a screen, a projector, and two small speakers. The goal is to own our equipment and not have to borrow, have a set-up that is compact and easy to use. Ballpark figure to get up and running is about \$1,000. There are funds set aside for this project but the Board could be approached if additional funds are needed. This equipment could also be available to other groups such as Pepper Fest, Neighborhood Watch and the Village. A letter will be sent out to pick park dates, two Wednesdays and a Saturday, so next meeting those dates can be approved. There will also be further discussion about the format for movie nights and could possibly include having Neighborhood Watch there or a "meet and greet" with police officers.

Pickle Ball Court at Sommers Landing Park

Moos had a diagram showing Glen Oaks Park basketball area as a possibility for the pickle ball court. He pointed out the concern he has with a large tree adjacent to this area that could present a problem with the large root system. Nelson indicated he felt this item should probably be a 2021 agenda item so this is in the early stage

planning. If plans are successful, Sommers Landing Park is also a possible location. Nelson asked members to check for other possible locations and present at the next meeting. The County would do the asphalt and the Village will have their own spray painting equipment, keeping the cost down.

Placement of permanent ground lighting for flag at Chief Jansen Park

Moos has not heard back from the contractor. He will continue to work on getting a cost estimate for discussion at the next Park Board meeting.

Glen Oaks Park repair of basketball court

This item relates to the pickle ball court discussion. If this park is not the chosen site for that, discussion will continue on repairing/replacing the basketball court here.

Chair update

The items that need to be accomplished are all on the agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Moos did reach out to the St. Croix Correctional Center (SCCC) and has somewhat firm dates for seven weeks. May-two weeks, June-one week, August-one week (cleaning up before Pepper Fest), Sept-one week, and October-two weeks. Sgt. Rosenthal will also contact Moos if they have time available to see if there are any other needs. Nelson requested that all of them should be thinking of ideas where this extra time could be beneficial to the Village Parks.

Moos would like to have his department plant five trees this spring, replacing the two that were cut down in Pepper Fest Park and possibly plant three at Chief Jansen Park. They will also be getting more of the gator bags for the new trees. His department will also be seeding where needed.

Moos reported that his department has also hired a new employee, Blake so the department is fully staffed. He and current employee Joe repaired some playground equipment at Glen Oaks Park. Painting is yet to be done.

Park Board committee future goals

Pepper Fest land donation; Brown's Beach retaining wall; Movie in the Park; pickle ball court & Glen Oaks basketball court repair; flag light at Chief Jansen Park; planting the trees.

Future agenda items

Splash pad; update village park signs; update website pictures.

Adjournment

Motion (Helgeson/Ortner) to adjourn. Motion carried. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois Zezza
Recording Secretary