

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2019, 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 6:32 p.m. Answering the call were members Doug Ernie, John Helgeson, and Mona Martinez. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that board members Frank Halvorson, Michelle Ortner, 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 1, 2018 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Martinez) to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Village resident Kevin Hustad, of 659 Galahad Road N., described an issue he continues to observe at the beach at Ferry Landing Park. He referred to an ordinance the Park Board enacted in 2017 to decrease the noise on and near the St. Croix River. He said that the beach has turned into a clubhouse for a jet ski group; they park their vehicles on the beach, and they are rude and try to intimidate residents. He is trying to find a way to have the Park Board reduce or eliminate the noise at the beach. Hustad would like to have the issue added to a future Park Board meeting agenda to address concerns. Nelson confirmed that this item will be added to the next Park Board meeting agenda.

Chair update

Nothing to report.

Pepper Fest land donation

Nelson reported that the Pepper Fest board is investigating purchase of the house and land directly behind Pepper Fest Park. The Pepper Fest board wants to get approval from the Park Board to purchase the property, donate it to the village, and have the village take over the maintenance of whatever improvements are made. Pepper Fest board president Tim Zais said the intention is to expand the size of Pepper Fest Park. He stated that the planned building may be named, and could be rented out as a source of funding for the village. Some ideas for use of the additional space include moving the ice rink to this area and add boards in the wintertime, a community center or rec center. The Pepper Fest board is looking for input from the Park Board. Moos said it's a good idea.

Helgeson asked if the existing home would be razed. Zais stated that it would be, and a recreation and event center would be constructed in its place. Pepper Fest representatives plan to meet with family members of the home's owner in April to discuss next steps. Nelson explained that Pepper Fest is looking for groups to provide funding and sponsorships for the new grounds. The intent is for Pepper Fest to pay for purchase and improvements on the new property, then donate it to the village parks for maintenance and upkeep.

Motion (Helgeson/Ernie): Recommend the Village Park Board of North Hudson approve Phase I of Pepper Fest Park property expansion, with the understanding that the land and improvements would be donated by Pepper Fest. Motion carried.

Movie in the Park

Nelson suggested board members speak with village residents for movie ideas and to promote higher attendance at movie nights. Nelson is considering putting a communication in the Hudson paper to publicize the events. Moos suggested the village alert system be used to publicize movie events.

Park Board committee future goals

2019 goals: Clear/clean out parks, Eagle scout add new park equipment; Wood Crest Park monarch garden and new gazebo; Glen Oaks Park monarch garden/landscaping/grass seed; Ferry Landing Park clean up and delineate valid parking areas; Sommers Landing Park improvement of baseball field and basketball court; add benches in all parks; apply for grant to install a wheelchair accessible swing in one park (Ernie noted that good accessible parking is needed in the selected park); put up a holiday tree with community participation (a park with electricity is required).

Superintendent's Report

Moos said the department has been busy moving snow into village parks. He reviewed the projects completed in 2018: Annual cleaning of shop yards; Glen Oaks Park installation of new sandbox and landscaping; Eagle Woods Park cleaned and filled sandboxes, put in mulch, cut out brush; Sommers Landing Park repaired park sign, and completed tree trimming; Wood Crest Park installation of mulch, brush cleanup, preparation for monarch garden in 2019; Chief Jansen Park planted 10 donated spruce trees and installed mulch; Pepper Fest Park repaired siding, fascia and soffit and painted warming house, assisted with Movie in the Park events; attended Arborist training at Bethel University; all department members completed Safety Training with Ex Environmental. Nelson praised Moos for his department getting all these projects completed, given the strange weather that was encountered.

Future agenda items

Brown's Beach retaining wall; Ferry Landing Park and beach.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary