

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 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 6:30 p.m. Answering the call were members Doug Ernie, 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 Frank Halvorson was absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from April 4, 2019 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Ortner) to approve the minutes of April 4, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

None.

Request for memorial bench in Sommers Landing Park

Moos stated that a village resident has offered to donate a memorial park bench in Sommers Landing Park. Moos presented estimated cost information. The total cost for the bench, engraving, shipping, one hour of labor for two people, and cement to mount the bench is \$877.21.

Motion (Ortner/Ernie) to recommend approval of a memorial bench to be installed in Sommers Landing Park, with the cost to be determined by Public Works Director Patrick Moos, and to be paid for by the requestor. Motion carried.

Ferry Landing Parking improvements

Nelson proposed adding paid parking at village beaches, starting with Ferry Landing Park. Parking fees would be used to improve the parks. He said that vehicles with trailers would be subject to parking fees while using Ferry Landing Park, and that the west side of the upper parking lot would be free for passenger vehicles without trailers. Nelson stated that there would be no restrictions on who launches boats. Wolf wondered whether there would be enough revenue to offset desired improvements in the parks.

Martinez asked how the paid parking area will be monitored. Nelson said that the North Hudson Police Department would check the pay box for payments. Nelson said the village would emulate the city of Hudson's parking payment system at the boat launch lot. Wolf asked whether North Hudson residents could purchase annual parking permits. Nelson said that village residents will be able to purchase a permit for reduced cost parking. Moos estimated that eight or fewer vehicles with trailers would fit in the parking lot near the bathhouse.

Nelson would like to generate revenue for park improvements. He said that details will be defined at the next Park Board meeting. Nelson asked Moos how he feels about this proposal; Moos said he is okay with the plan.

Motion (Martinez/Wolf) to recommend approval to implement Ferry Landing Park improvements via parking fees. Motion carried.

Brown's Beach retaining wall

Frank Halvorson and Nelson have had several people look at the retaining wall at Brown's Beach. There are portions which are falling down, but without money set aside, nothing can be done now. Moos said there is a grant available for this project. Moos will work with Village Administrator Melissa Luedke to complete the grant application for financial assistance with retaining wall repairs/rebuilding. Moos stated that the deadline has passed for the 2019 grant, so the village can apply in 2020. Ortner and Martinez volunteered to work with Luedke on the grant application. Moos said the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommends applying for grant money before starting work on this project.

Movie in the Park

Nelson said he is aiming for June or July for the first movie this year. Nelson is open to suggestions for the best day of the week on which to host the movies. He spoke with Hudson's Chamber of Commerce representative to help promote movie nights in the city. Nelson would like to see more people attend movie nights, and is looking for suggestions to increase attendance. Moos asked about the popcorn machine; Nelson said he will take care of procuring one. Martinez asked about using Pepper Fest's popcorn machine. Nelson said that Pepper Fest will be happy to support the village's Movie Nights.

Moos will look at the movie suggestions made by participants in 2018. Ortner suggested having a Theme Night. Nelson is asking for community input for themes or movie ideas.

Motion (Ortner/Martinez) to recommend approval that the first Movie in the Park in 2019 be held on July 17, 2019. Motion carried.

Chair update

None.

Superintendent's Report

Moos reported that he is renting a stump grinder next week, and he will use it at Ferry Landing Park.

Hudson Home & Garden Club offered to do a project in North Hudson; the idea was endorsed by board members.

Ortner said she took some photos of the dedication signs on Rotary benches at Glen Oaks Park, and said that they are getting worn. Since the benches were donated, Moos will contact a Rotary representative to determine what they want to be done with the signs.

Park Board committee future goals

Movie in the Park; Brown's Beach retaining wall issues; What to do with \$5,000 available for park improvements.

Future agenda items

Ferry Landing parking proposal; North Hudson parks website update; Ferry Landing beach discussion.

Adjournment

Motion (Helgeson/Ernie & Martinez) to adjourn. Motion carried. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary