

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 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 6:30 p.m. Answering the call were members Jim Boschuetz, Doug Ernie, Mona Martinez, Michelle Ortner and Todd Wolf. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that board member John Helgeson was absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from April 5, 2018 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Martinez/Ernie/Ortner) to approve the minutes of April 5, 2018 meeting as written.

Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

None.

Chair update

Nelson welcomed Jim Boschuetz to the Park Board. Boschuetz introduced himself. He was nominated to the Park Board by village resident Tom Coulter, and interviewed by Village President Stan Wekkin. Boschuetz is a 15-year village resident, and a retired electrical engineer. In his spare time he is a handyman and repairs kids' bicycles to give away. He is looking forward to helping wherever he can.

Ferry Landing bath house roof

Nelson had misunderstood Wekkin to say that the Park Board isn't responsible for maintenance items – it is responsible. He reminded the board of the discussion last month comparing asphalt and metal roofing materials. Moos noted research he found on Consumer Reports that says that metal is better with the downside of noise during rain and the cost for metal. Moos is okay with installing asphalt on that roof for a speedy and cost-effective solution. He's nervous about the structural integrity of the roof struts and what will be found when the roof is uncovered. Nelson noted that the roof wasn't damaged by weather, it was vandalized. Nelson stated that the current amount of money available for parks in the village is about \$6000, and he explained that the village parks don't get any money from the village – all funds are acquired through land acquisitions and two Pepper Fest grants. Nelson wants to ensure that the parks get money from the village budget starting in 2019.

Boschuetz explained what Eagle Scout candidates are required to do on their Eagle Badge projects – organize the project team, procure low-cost or free in-kind materials, etc. Boschuetz inspected the bath house roof prior to the meeting. He believes the plywood must be replaced, and the trusses are solid. No plywood would be required for a metal roof installation. Boschuetz offered to spearhead investigation of an Eagle scout sponsorship for the bath house roof repairs. Nelson asked Moos whether the bath house roof is in good enough condition to delay the repairs for a little while. Moos thought it would be okay.

Boschuetz has a contact at Menards who can probably get better pricing for the roofing materials if the Scouts are involved in the project.

Motion (Ortner/Martinez) to recommend that Jim Boschuetz explore the Boy Scouts to sponsor/manage the Ferry Landing bath house roof project. Motion carried.

Update Park Board website

Moos reminded members to send updated photos of their respective parks to him, as well as a list of the amenities each park offers, and a list of any issues to be addressed.

Movie in the park

Nelson reminded the board of the movie setup in Pepper Fest Park – projector, screen, cart, speakers – which Kozy Korner is providing for movie nights. Nelson said the village board needs to approve the activity since the movies would run past evening quiet hours. Nelson asked when Hudson schools are finished – Ortner stated that students are finished May 22 and teachers are done May 23. Moos asked whether the Park Board can have this activity organized for a June showing. Nelson said that the village board meets June 5, so setting a date after that time should be okay. A generator is needed for parks without electricity, and the village has one. June 13th is the first tentative movie date, showing “Finding Nemo”, which is 100 minutes long. Movie nights will be publicized on Kozy Korner’s outdoor sign, and in the meeting minutes audio. Nelson will provide a suggestion box for future movies, a donation box, and possibly area restaurant vendors in the future. Boschuetz will investigate getting or using a popcorn machine.

Motion (Ortner/Boschuetz) to present a Movie in the Park on June 13 at 8:40 pm in Pepper Fest Park, and will show “Finding Nemo”. Motion carried.

Park Board committee future goals

Boschuetz is working with a group to investigate a bike sharing program in River Falls. Fifty bikes have been donated to the program. Boschuetz has spoken with city of Hudson Parks and Rec assistant Deb Andrews about a similar program in Hudson. Boschuetz asked if the Park Board wants to be made aware of the Hudson program. The plan in Hudson is to provide bikes to be ridden between Hudson and the new St. Croix bridge. Bikes are supplied by Spin through a federal grant, and it is a free program for the communities, and are reserved through smart devices. At this time, Boshuetz and his group are building awareness for the program.

Ortner asked for details regarding what information is needed for each park. Nelson stated that board members can send their information to him, or send it to Village Administrator Melissa Luedke to update the village website.

Boschuetz asked if the village has enough Little Free Libraries. Nelson feels the village could support more libraries in the community. Boschuetz offered to build them if village residents become sponsors to maintain the libraries and keep them supplied with books.

Superintendent's Report

Moos stated that all park picnic tables have been painted. The creeping thyme which was approved in 2017 will be planted soon in Woodcrest Park. An old wooden picnic table at Jensen Memorial Park has been removed and replaced by a table from Ferry Landing. The table at Ferry Landing was replaced with a bench.

Future agenda items

Bike share program; Movie in the Park; Ferry Landing bath house roof; Brown's Beach update discussion; Little Free Libraries in North Hudson.

Adjournment

Motion (Ortner/Wolf) to adjourn. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary