

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, June 1, 2017, 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 6:31 p.m. Answering the call were members Doug Ernie, John Helgeson, Mona Martinez, Howard Novotny, Michelle Ortner, and Todd Wolf. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from April 6, 2017 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Novotny) to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Nick Cairns at 17830 Prospect Pl in Wayzata, MN, spoke on behalf of Twin Cities Jet Pilots. Cairns stated that the group feels it has been misrepresented the past 6-8 months, and they would like to work with the Park Board to be a positive influence in the community rather than a negative one. The group began in the early 2000s and has grown to include about 1000 members. The group was made aware of the new Ferry Landing Beach ordinance by the North Hudson Police Chief; the group was unaware of any issues the community or neighborhood had with them and no one had approached them to discuss the issues. The group was portrayed as unwelcoming; however, Cairns said the group is very welcoming. The group began a fundraising event, "The Sortie", in North Hudson and later had to move it to Lake City, MN. Cairns, speaking for the group, stated that they want to work with the Park Board and not screw up the rules; they don't want to cause the community more trouble or use more of the police department's time to enforce the ordinances. They would like to work with the village to resolve the issues because they love Ferry Landing. Cairns stated that most of the other people in the audience feel the same way he does.

An unidentified member of the audience stated that the group was there in solidarity. Nelson stated that the Park Board is unable to discuss this topic with the group because it is not on the meeting agenda, however, the topic will be added to next month's agenda for discussion; the group can find meeting information on the village's website.

Ian Dougherty, of 371 Pine View North, met members of the jet ski group when he and his family rode personal watercraft at Ferry Landing Park. Dougherty and his family found the group to be very welcoming. He felt the group doesn't force anyone else out of the launch. Dougherty also launches his boat there and feels that the swimming area that has been imposed will make boat parking difficult while owners get their vehicles from the parking area.

Nelson thanked the group for their presence, and the topic will be included in next month's agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Moos reported that the staff is busy mowing the parks and cleaning them, and putting wood chips in play areas as time allows. He just hired a new employee, so he hopes that person will help to get more work completed. The creeping thyme will be planted soon. Ortner praised Moos and his staff for the job they are doing – the parks look great.

North Hudson Parks – Assign Park Board Member to Each Park

Nelson, since he is new to this committee, wanted to learn which board member is assigned to which park as he doesn't have a list of current assignments. Nelson and Moos would like to create a list of items to be worked on in the parks. Nelson wants the board members to bring big issues to his and Moos' attention, or notify him if the members have ideas for improvements in their assigned parks. **Motion (Helgeson/Martinez) to discuss realignment of park board member assignments. Motion carried. Motion (Ernie/Ortner & Martinez) to recommend acceptance of new park assignments. Motion carried.**

New park board assignments:

Browns Beach – Michelle Ortner
Deer Run – Howard Novotny
Eagle Woods – Howard Novotny
Ferry Landing – Todd Wolf
Glen Oaks – Michelle Ortner
Jensen – Howard Novotny
Mallalieu – open
Pepper Fest – Mona Martinez
Sommers Landing – Doug Ernie
St. Croix Station – Doug Ernie
Webster – Mona Martinez
Woodcrest – John Helgeson
Chief Jansen – John Helgeson

Update on Ferry Landing Park

Moos stated that the “no watercraft parking” signs have been posted. The “beach rules” signs have to wait until the river recedes. Wolf asked about the status of the swimming area buoys. Moos stated that he has the buoys, but the DNR requires a permit to install them. Moos has submitted the permit application. Before the permit is authorized, the DNR officer wants to inspect the swimming area and investigate how the buoys will be used. In addition, the DNR has specifications for buoys, and Moos may have to purchase new ones to comply with those specs. Novotny asked whether the size of the swimming area has been determined; Nelson and Moos stated that the ordinance defines the size of the swimming area.

Future agenda items

Novotny asked about the possibility of upgrading the Mallalieu park area with a boat launch. Ortner and Martinez believe the Park Board has discussed this topic in the past. Moos said we need to identify

whether the area is a conservancy or a park, which will determine whether improvements can be made. Moos will investigate how that land is designated.

Possible improvements to Mallalieu beach area; Open discussion on public comments related to new Ferry Landing ordinance.

Adjournment

Motion (Ortner/Helgeson) to adjourn. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary