

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 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 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 Doug Ernie was absent. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Approval of minutes from March 5, 2020 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Ortner/Martinez) to approve the minutes of March 5, 2020 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Ortner spoke on behalf of village resident Diane Zais, who wants to remind the board that the Neighborhood Watch group can help with village activities or events.

Pepper Fest land donation

Nelson reported that there is nothing new regarding the Pepper Fest Park land donation. He said he isn't sure whether Pepper Fest will take place this year. As a result, he isn't sure whether the Pepper Fest board will have money to take down the fence or the house. Wolf asked whether the house could be sold and moved off the property. Nelson said the Pepper Fest board has to make that determination, and that there is a renter currently living in the home. Nelson doesn't know what the Pepper Fest board's plan is for the building. Nelson said the house currently standing on the property must be paid off before work can be done. Helgeson said the board hasn't made any decisions whether Pepper Fest will take place this year or final disposition of the house. Nelson explained that the village doesn't have to pay anything for the property or the new building and fence which is planned to be built in the future.

Brown's Beach retaining wall

Ortner stated that the grant application she and Martinez had worked on was not submitted due to the coronavirus shutdown. They will save their current application and submit it in 2021. Moos said he will obtain some bids for the retaining wall work this summer and consult with Village Engineer Kevin Oium for repair approaches. Ortner asked whether Brown's Beach would be open this summer. Moos said it would be, with no lifeguard. Martinez said that Village Administrator Melissa Luedke has the application paperwork in its current state, along with photos of the retaining wall.

Movie in the Park

Nelson said that residents have asked about Movie in the Park this summer. Due to coronavirus concerns, no concessions will be given out; attendees may bring their own if they like. He and Moos will be vigilant to make sure attendee groups stay far enough apart from one another; he believes there is ample space to accommodate the anticipated group size of 50 with social distancing. The movies will take place near the hockey rink area, since

they need electricity. Ortner believes it's a good idea to have outdoor movies this summer. Nelson said that St. Croix County hasn't placed excessive restrictions on group gatherings, and he can tell that when companies or organizations set them up properly, it is evident. Nelson asked Moos if he can provide markings for social distancing, and Moos said he can.

Moos reminded the board that the village board has already met for the month of June, so the Park Board can't get approval to extend park hours this month. Nelson said he will contact Village President Stan Wekin for park hour's approval, or they will wait until July for the first movie night. Moos offered to help if a Saturday in July is selected for a movie night.

Nelson said the first movie night will be publicized via word of mouth, and a postcard will be mailed for the second night.

Nelson tentatively announced the first Movie in the Park for 2020 will take place on Wednesday, June 24. There will be no treats handed out and social distancing will be enforced.

Pickle Ball Court at Sommers Landing Park

Nelson said that bids and an estimate must be ready for the budgeting process in September or October. Moos said the basketball court can be used, with new lines painted for the pickle ball court. Moos estimated the cost of nets and other equipment to be about \$480.

Placement of permanent ground lighting for flag at Chief Jansen Park

Moos presented a bid of \$1288 for a permanent in-ground light for the flag pole at Chief Jansen Park. He said the solar light he had previously installed for the flag didn't last very long. Nelson asked what fund the money should be taken from. Moos said Village Administrator Melissa Luedke can provide that information. Moos said he will obtain some additional bids for the project. Nelson asked that all bids include cost of installation.

Glen Oaks Park repair of basketball court

Nelson said he and Moos inspected the basketball court at Glen Oaks Park and discovered the reason for the surface to be uneven. There are two large trees with roots under the basketball court, and they thought the court would be damaged again if it is repaired or replaced in the same location. Ortner asked whether the cottonwood tree could be removed. Moos said that is the only alternative; if the tree were injured or died, it would become a hazard because of its size. Ortner stated that the basketball court gets used quite a bit, and that it is used for other activities, as well. Wolf asked where the roots are located. Nelson described the area where the roots run under the court and noticeably raise the surface. Nelson asked if the court would be used more if it was repaired or moved. Moos suggested switching the locations of the play train and the basketball court. Nelson asked Moos to obtain a bid to remove the cottonwood tree which is near the basketball court, as well as the cost to move the basketball court to another location in the park.

Chair update

Nelson said it is good to be back. Future Park Board meetings will take place at Village Hall. He said he and Moos will be able to resume planning and oversight for the village parks.

Superintendent's Report

Moos hopes to get some work done on the monarch garden at Woodcrest Park. He believes the work crew from St. Croix Correctional Center (SCCC) will not be able to do work for the village this year. He said that if SCCC isn't available, the Public Works staff will do the work as time permits. He would like to add some features to the garden, including a border and a bench. Nelson suggested the monarch garden improvements be added to future goals so Moos has approval to have the work done if SCCC can work for Public Works.

Nelson mentioned the possibility of adding more defined trails in village parks. Moos said Public Works employee Blake Allington is working on a plan for additional trails.

Moos reported that some tree stumps at Woodcrest Park have been ground out. He is looking for ideas to improve the boulevard now that the tree stumps are gone. He said there are no stumps left at Ferry Landing Park, and grass seed has been spread to cover the stump spots. Moos and Nelson said they opened an old shed on the property, but found nothing inside. Helgeson explained that the Ferry Landing Park property was given to the village by the Boy Scouts; the shed had been used by the scouts.

Martinez asked whether Moos would take donated plants for areas where grass won't grow.

Moos was contacted by a Wisconsin sign company, asking whether it could be used to replace park signs which have sustained woodpecker damage. Wolf asked Moos whether Lebo Signs is still in business; Moos stated that it is in business.

Helgeson asked Moos whether the yellow tape has been removed from park playground equipment – it has been.

Park Board committee future goals

Park signage; Webster Park flowers; update park photos on village website; Woodcrest Park monarch garden improvements.

Future agenda items

Pepper Fest land donation; Movie in the Park; Pickle Ball Court at Sommers Landing Park; Placement of permanent in-ground light for flag at Chief Jansen Park; Glen Oaks Park repair of basketball court; basic tree planting in parks.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary