

**Village of North Hudson
Park Board Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 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 6:30 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 was Public Works Director Patrick Moos.

Approval of minutes from June 1, 2017 Park Board Meeting

Motion (Helgeson/Martinez) to approve the minutes of June 1, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

No comments from the floor.

Superintendent's Report

Moos reported that the Public Works department is missing buoys and he doesn't know where they are. He has ordered new buoys for Brown's Beach and Ferry Landing Beach, and will take about four weeks to arrive. Moos and his staff will be doing some storm sewer work at the back of Woodcrest Park, at Helen Street N. and Sommers Street N. A path must be cut to allow a small backhoe to be driven to the area where work will be done. The storm sewer separated and created a sinkhole.

Request to paint temporary lines on grass in Sommers Landing Park for a neighborhood soccer camp

Item tabled.

Discussion regarding Eagle Scouts helping with projects in the Village

The wood retaining wall at Brown's Beach is in disrepair, and Moos is looking for contact information for a group of scouts to possibly help repair the wall. Moos stated that Melissa Luedke, Village Clerk, suggested the idea of having Eagle Scouts help with this project to him. Ortner stated that she can check with Ken Merchak. Novotny questioned whether the twenty foot retaining wall is a project for scouts. He feels it is a project for professionals. Ernie asked whether there are restrictions on repairing the retaining wall in the St. Croix River area. Moos stated that the wall cannot be totally removed and replaced; one board must be removed and replaced at a time. Novotny expressed concern that there might be a safety issue with scouts working on that wall due to the height. Ortner will check with Merchak to see whether they want to be involved in the project. Nelson explained that the retaining wall is one project that was suggested for the Eagle Scouts, and he is looking for suggestions for other possible projects for them. There is agreement that the retaining wall does need to be worked on. Nelson asked whether the wall is a safety hazard; Moos doesn't think so, part of the wall is bowing out. Wolf stated

that Colleen O'Brien-Berglund was the contact for Eagle Scouts in the past; Nelson said he could send her an e-mail asking about the scouts working on this project.

Ferry Landing Park/Beach update

Moos reported that all signs related to the new ordinance have been posted and the buoys have been placed in the beach area. Wolf asked whether these new items are working: Moos stated that they were until one of the buoys went missing and someone pulled up on the beach because they weren't certain where the swimming area was located. Nelson asked where the money is coming from for the replacement buoys; Moos said it would have to come from the department maintenance budget. Nelson asked how much the buoys will cost; Moos said they are \$123 each, for a total of around \$385. Nelson asked Moos what his opinion is about what happened to the missing buoy. Moos stated that a resident had reported a buoy floating on its side and Moos surmised that the buoy had been hit by a boat.

Riverside Drive and possible boat launch

Moos investigated the park area on Riverside Drive N. and learned it is all in conservancy. He isn't sure whether any changes can be made to the land. If the village wants to put in a boat launch in that location, the DNR would have to be involved. Moos sees a boat launch costing the village money and involve more work by the Public Works department, and Moos isn't sure he can handle the extra workload. Wolf asked whether a canoe launch could be put there. Moos stated that if any official boat launch is installed, the village is responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Nelson said that he learned that the DNR makes no distinction between a canoe launch and a boat launch; they are one and the same for the DNR.

Future agenda items

Ortner asked Moos whether the picnic tables had been painted. Moos said that they had not. Ortner suggested that the Boy Scouts could help with that project. Moos would like to take small groups of tables to the village shop, let them dry, and sand and repaint them, starting in the fall. Nelson asked Moos whether the village owns a sander – Moos stated that the village has a belt sander, which he plans to use on the picnic tables. Ortner suggested that the picnic table painting might be a project in which the boy scouts can participate. Martinez asked about the soccer camp agenda item. Nelson stated that the village was informed that the request was no longer needed – the group will use cones rather than painting lines on the grass. Ortner asked whether the August Park Board meeting is cancelled; Helgeson said that some years it has been cancelled, but not every year. Novotny suggested that the decision be made based on the agenda for the August meeting. Novotny asked Moos what happened with the creeping thyme ground cover that was to be planted this summer. Moos said he hasn't planted it yet. Novotny saw some during a trip out east and liked the look of it. Moos pledged to get it planted.

Adjournment

Motion (Ortner/Helgeson) to adjourn. Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary