

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
June 16, 2020 Meeting Summary
4:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Miller; Jim Sonneson; Kelly Tasky; Jenna Warmuth; and Jesse Stokke.

Members Absent: Gene Shaw; Dwight Morrison; and Natalie Peterson.

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Paul Senst Public Works Director; Lana Arro; and Nathan Madill.

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Kelly Tasky to approve the May 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jesse Stokke. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Nathan Madill stated that water at Stebner Field was not turned on until June 7, 2020. He stated that next year, the water needs to be turned on sooner.

Paul Senst, Public Works Director stated that Bob Miller (Public Works) informed Ross Bjorlin that he would fill that up for him as need be. He noted that until he is sure that there will 100% be a soccer season, then he will see that it's up and running within a matter of a couple of days.

Lana Arro, thanked the Park Board for letting her put the banner up on the inside of the field at Fichtner Field. She asked about painting the dugouts and an added logo on the inside of the dugouts.

Eric stated that in the past, the paint has been purchased by the City, and the user group then does the actual painting. He questioned the logo. He would like Joe Wicklund, Communications & Community Engagement Mgr. to weigh in on the logo.

Jesse Stokke stated that having a professional come in and add the logo would make the dugout look classy.

Jenna Warmuth agrees that if Joe signs off on it, it would like nice and she is fine with it.

Mike Miller and Jim Sonneson both agree.

Jesse commented that the logo should be uniform with what is being used now, and not some random logo.

Motion made by Jenna Warmuth to approve the painting of the dugouts and approved logo inside the dugouts. Seconded by Jesse Stokke. Motion carried.

Eric informed the Park Board that the City will be mailing out a letter to all the user groups reiterating the City's position on COVID-19, in conjunction with the State of Minnesota Department of Health's guidelines with reference to the use of the fields and parks in Hermantown.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Update on park maintenance

According to Eric, the Public Works Department has finalized their road work and are now starting on other projects. One of those projects will be the path at Keene Creek. Since lawn mowing has been cut down to one person, and the fact that the large mower is currently out of commission, that person has been using a 4-foot-wide mower, compared to a 12-foot mower.

Paul stated that the 12-foot mower should be working within the next week, so that will improve the time in which the mowing is taking place.

4B. Update on user group schedules

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Replacement of trees at Stebner Park and Rose Road Fields

Eric noted that approximately 25% of the 80 trees that were planted last year at the various City parks/fields and at the Essentia Wellness Center were lost over the winter and Eric is looking at getting those replaced under warranty with the Bailey Nursery. Since the trees were planted under a grant from the DNR, the trees have to be replaced.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Miller – None.

Gene Shaw – Absent.

Jim Sonneson – None.

Kelly Tasky – Asked if there has been any interest in an indoor obstacle course/playground. Lana volunteered to look into this to see what funding might be available.

Dwight Morrison – Absent.

Jenna Warmuth – None.

Jesse Stokke – None.

Natalie Peterson – Absent.

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Jesse Stokke to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Mike Miller, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant