

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
October 20, 2020 Meeting Summary
4:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Miller: Gene Shaw; Jim Sonneson; Kelly Tasky; Jesse Stokke; and Natalie Peterson.

Members Absent: Dwight Morrison and Jenna Warmuth.

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Natalie Hoff, ICS; Kent Koerbitz – ICS; Nathan Madill, Hermantown Soccer; and Crystal Holden, Hermantown Summer Softball.

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Jim Sonneson to approve the September 22, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jesse Stokke. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Nathan Madill, Hermantown Soccer, asked for an update of the utility work being done at Stebner Park.

Eric Johnson, Community Development Director, stated that the blacktop work will be done next year.

Nathan asked when the construction crew would be done with their work.

Eric stated that they hope to have the work finished by year end (2020).

Crystal Holden, Hermantown Summer Softball, stated that the grass on Field 3 at Rose Road needs to be properly fixed. She also asked about the score board, batting cage and flag pole.

Eric stated that the grass issue on Field 3 was actually a bug infestation that dried out the grass. The field has been treated three times to remedy the situation and that particular field is still under warranty. Work will continue next spring. Regarding the score board and batting cages, Paul Senst, Public Works Director, has been working with that. Shipping of those items has been very slow this season, and will be address next spring. Staking has been taking place for the score board and flag pole, and a location has been decided upon.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Update on Morris Thomas Road to Keene Creek Park trail feasibility study

Eric stated that the City Engineer has come in with an estimate of approximately \$385,000 for the trail connection from Morris Thomas Road to Keene Creek Park. Current money in Park Dedication and available grant money is approximately \$300,000. Eric anticipates an addition \$90,000 to be coming in which will exceed what is being projected for this trail connection.

4B. Update on the Community Recreation Initiative

Eric informed the members that the Hermantown Economic Development Authority (HEDA) has entered into a contract with ICS to work on the initiative. Listed below is what is being considered:

1. A second sheet of ice at the Hermantown Arena;
2. Funding of park improvements at Fichtner Park; and
3. Working on different trail sections associated with the Munger Trail Spur.

Kent Koerbitz, ICS, introduced himself and explained that he will be working on Fichtner Park. Kent would like to see is Fichtner Park become more of a showpiece for the community.

Natalie Hoff, ICS, introduced herself and explained that she will be handling the trails. Natalie hopes to integrate herself and help out in any way that she can.

ICS will be setting up subcommittees for the arena, trails and Fichtner Park. It is the goal of these subcommittees to assemble stakeholders for each issue, facilitate discussions and ideas and bring the information back to the full group. ICS will then prepare a draft plan which will include fundraising and funding options in the future.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Discussion to move the November meeting to Tuesday, November 10 at 4:30

Eric informed the members that due to an upcoming surgery, he has moved the meeting from November 17, 2020 to November 10, 2020.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Miller – Mike commented on the condition of Rocky Run Trail, and noted the boardwalk was in pretty bad shape and in need of repair.

Gene Shaw – None.

Jim Sonneson – Asked if the upcoming \$90,000 park dedication fees will be coming to the Park Board via the new development located at 5298 Miller Trunk Highway. Eric said yes. Jim also asked where the money came from for the spraying at Rose Road Field. Eric stated if came from the Maintenance Fund.

Kelly Tasky – None.

Dwight Morrison – Absent

Jenna Warmuth – Absent

Jesse Stokke – None.

Natalie Peterson – None.

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Jim Sonneson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jesse Stokke. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Mike Miller, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant

