

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
December 15, 2020 Meeting Summary
4:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Miller; Jim Sonneson; Dwight Morrison, Jesse Stokke; and Jenna Warmuth.

Members Absent: Gene Shaw; Kelly Tasky; and Natalie Peterson.

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Natalie Hoff, ICS; and Kent Koerbitz, ICS.

2. MINUTES

Dwight Morrison provided a correction to the November 2020 minutes stating that trail crossings should occur at intersection vs. mid block. Motion made by Dwight Morrison to approve the November 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes as revised. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Update on Community Recreation Initiative

Natalie Hoff and Kent Koerbitz of ICS provided an update of the trails, Fichtner park and arena user groups. Kent shared a presentation with the board regarding community engagement and process for building consensus for the future project.

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

Eric Johnson, Community Development Director, presented the feasibility study to the board and explained the requirements of the GMRPTC grant. The Keene Creek trail section is required to be built under the grant agreement. There is approximately \$173,000 left from the \$820,000 grant. The proposed trail section is estimated to be \$334,000 to construct. The \$162,000 difference in funds would be paid for out of the park dedication fund but it would draw down the account to approximately \$2,500. Two projects are either under construction or will be starting construction in 2021 with an anticipated \$150,000 coming into the park dedication fund over the next 12 months. This amount would bring the fund back up to current value.

The board recommended moving forward with the feasibility study and progressing with the trail project.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Eric presented the Transportation Alternatives Grant application to the board. Eric discussed the City's previous three unsuccessful attempts at this grant for the trail section from the EWC/School Campus to City Hall. Eric shared comments he received regarding the 2020 application with the board.

Eric then presented an alternative trail section which would connect Hermantown Road (Engwall's) to the Keene Creek trail section at Morris Thomas Road. This trail segments would complete the eastern portion of the overall Munger Trail Spur and provide a continuous connection from the Stebner Road/Maple Grove Road intersection to Keene Creek Park as well as the Hermantown Marketplace. The board was in favor of this trail segment and unanimously voted to submit this trail segment to the City Council for their review and approval of a grant application.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Mike Miller – None
- Gene Shaw – Absent
- Jim Sonneson – None
- Kelly Tasky – Absent
- Dwight Morrison – reiterated trail crossing concerns
- Jenna Warmuth – None
- Jesse Stokke – None
- Natalie Peterson – Absent

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Jenna Warmuth to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dwight Morrison. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Mike Miller, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant