

CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD

Agenda
February 17, 2021
4:30 PM

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 2A. January 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
4. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - 4A. Update on Community Recreation Initiative
 - 4B. Update on Morris Thomas Road to Keene Creek Park trail feasibility study
 - 4C. Update on Transportation Alternatives Grant Submission
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 5A. Discussion on Keene Creek Park
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 21-10 Correspondence from Ben Sosniecki, 5320 Sunnyview Rd. regarding Maple Grove Property
7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
 - Michael Miller –
 - Gene Shaw –
 - Jim Sonneson –
 - Natalie Peterson –
 - Kelly Tasky –
 - Dwight Morrison –
 - Jenna Warmuth –
 - Jesse Stokke –
8. **ADJOURN**

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January 12, 2021 Meeting Summary
4:30 PM**

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jim Sonneson; Dwight Morrison, Jesse Stokke; Kelly Tasky; Natalie Peterson; and Jenna Warmuth.

Members Absent: Mike Miller and Gene Shaw.

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Bart Porter, Hermantown Snowmobile Club, and Kent Koerbitz, ICS.

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Jenna Warmuth to approve the December 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Dwight Morrison. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bart Porter, Hermantown Snowmobile Club, stated that last year, he applied for a Federal Recreational Trail Program Equipment Grant for the purchase of some snowmobile trail grooming equipment. It was not successful. Bart has been grooming the trail with his own equipment. He is applying for another grant this year in hopes of getting the grooming process. Bart is seeking a letter of support from the Park Board as part of the grant process.

Motion made by Dwight Morrison for a letter of support from the Park Board supporting Bart Porter and his application for a Federal Recreational Trail Program Equipment Grant for the purchase of some snowmobile trail grooming equipment. Seconded by Kelly Tasky. Motion carried.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Update on Community Recreation Initiative

Kent Koerbitz, ICS, gave an update to group meetings and discussed the community survey that will be going out. He will send the final survey to the Park Board for their comments.

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

Eric met with the City Engineer, David Bolf today, and he noted that ALTA Survey has flagged the center line of the proposed trail, and that he and David will be walking that line within the next couple of days. Intentions are to have the proposed trail segment constructed by June 30, 2021.

4C. Update on Transportation Alternatives Grant Submission

Eric noted that the grant (Segment 6 & 7) of this trail has been submitted. Eric and David Bolf met with the property owner and discussed having a trail easement. The developer/property owner is receptive to that easement.

Jim Sonneson asked what incentives were given to the property owner.

Eric stated that an agreement still needs to be negotiated and that the developer realizes that this trail would be a benefit to the development.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Miller – Absent.

Gene Shaw – Absent.

Jim Somneson – Scoreboard at Rose Road Field looks good.

Kelly Tasky – None.

Dwight Morrison – Wants to add Keene Creek Park discussion item to next month's agenda, as well as the handicapped signs up at Fichtner and Stebner Parks.

Jenna Warmuth – None.

Jesse Stokke – None.

Natalie Peterson – None.

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Dwight Morrison to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jesse Stokke. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Mike Miller, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant

CH-Bonnie Engseth

Subject: FW: Maple Grove Road Property

From: bensos@usfamily.net <bensos@usfamily.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 2:13:54 PM
To: CH-Wayne Boucher
Subject: Maple Grove Road Property

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Dear Mayor Boucher,

My name is Ben Sosniecki, I live on Sunnyview Road. I have a question in regards to the land for sale along Maple Grove Road, directly across from the snowmobile parking lot. I was wondering if it would ever be possible for the City to purchase that land and turn it into a park preserve or natural area. I bring my kids sledding back there and I just hate the idea of seeing it get developed. I think it would be so neat for Hermantown to have a park that could be used for cross country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing. I actually work for the City of Duluth Park Maintenance so I would be all in for helping develop trails and such. I know it's a far fetched question but Hermantown doesn't have a lot of green spaces like that and I think it could really benefit the community.

Thanks

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