



## **Hermantown Planning & Zoning Meeting – May 18, 2021**

Because of attendance limitations at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic, Hermantown's May 18, 2021, Park Board Meeting will be conducted both remotely and with limited access to Council Chambers.

The meeting will utilize the platform "Zoom," which allows the public to view and/or hear the meeting from their phone or computer.

The 4:30 pm Park Board Meeting will be available at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87813661908?pwd=VjFWOXE2dHc1SzZhSU4xVXdRUUtuQT09>

and/or by calling the number (312) 626-6799 and utilizing the meeting ID number of 878 1366 1908 and the passcode of 010052.

A few important tips regarding the Zoom platform:

- If your computer does not support audio, you can still watch the meeting on your computer and call in on your phone to hear the meeting
- It is a challenging situation for all of us, so grace and understanding are appreciated.

CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
PARK BOARD

*Agenda*  
May 18, 2021  
4:30 PM

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 2A. [March 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes.](#)
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
4. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
  - 4A. Update on Keene Creek Trail/streambank restoration
  - 4B. Update on Section 24/Munger Trail Spur work
  - 4C. Follow up on park walk through
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Michael Miller –  
Gene Shaw –  
Jim Sonneson –  
Natalie Peterson –  
Kelly Tasky –  
Dwight Morrison –  
Jenna Warmuth –  
Jesse Stokke –
8. **ADJOURN**

**CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
PARK BOARD  
March 16, 2021 Meeting Summary  
4:30 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Mike Miller; Gene Shaw; Jim Sonneson; Dwight Morrison, Jesse Stokke; Kelly Tasky; Jenna Warmuth; and Natalie Peterson.

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Eric Johnson, Community Development Director, and Bill Tafs.

**2. MINUTES**

Motion made by Mike Miller to approve the February 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Gene Shaw. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**4. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**4A. Update on Community Recreation Initiative**

Eric Johnson, Community Development Director shared a presentation of the survey results with the members.

Natalie Peterson stated that overall, everything went well from the City Council standpoint. She noted that thank you cards will be sent out to all participants (who included an email address) and to the committee for their assistance in the survey. Surveys will be shared with the various user groups and will also be posted in the City's webpage. She stated that moving forward, the survey information will be used to develop a marketing strategy plan and that bonding and other financing alternatives will be looked at.

Mike Miller commented that he was struck by the strong support of the trail system and surprised by the larger split on support for the hockey arena addition.

Gene Shaw stated that he has had a few conversations with commercial companies and that some of them are concerned about how high the sales tax is getting.

Mike asked when the Minnesota Legislature is expected to give a result on the raising of the sales tax.

Eric stated that it is being discussed in the current session.

Jesse Stokke also commented that he would be open to hear from businesses with what other options they see fit to keep our community growing with everyone else.

According to Natalie, the City has been working with and has been keeping the Hermantown Chamber of Commerce updated throughout this process, and that the Chamber has been very supportive during this process.

Jim Sonneson agrees with the sales tax.

**4B. Update on Morris Thomas Road to Keene Creek Park trail project**

Eric updated the Park Board of the various attachments that were included in the March 16, 2021 Park Board Agenda Packet. He noted that bids for the project are due March 25, 2021. From there, it would go before the City Council for their approval. Eric further noted that this trail is actually slated to be paid for by existing grant dollars as well as park dedication money. Upon City Council approval, the contractor can start the project. June 30, 2021 is the anticipated completion date. Minnesota House Representative, Mary Murphy, is looking into a potential extension of the June 30, 2021 date.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Eric has been in contact with the Proctor trails person, and they are looking at meeting within the next month or two to go over both City's trail plans.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mike Miller – None.

Gene Shaw – None.

Jim Sonneson – Money for park dedication from Capital Improvement Fund. Eric responded that will happen in 2022.

Kelly Tasky – None.

Dwight Morrison – None.

Jenna Warmuth – None.

Jesse Stokke – None.

Natalie Peterson – None.

**8. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Jim Sonneson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kelly Tasky. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

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Mike Miller, Chair

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Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant

**Keene Creek Park Trail Construction Photos**

The contractor starting clearing work on Wednesday, May 5. Brush and rock material from the trail project will be used in the streambank restoration project south of the parking lot. The contractor plans on starting grading work on the trail starting May 17 with the streambank restoration work south of the parking lot commencing shortly thereafter.



Looking North from park area



Looking north from 200 feet into the trail corridor



**Equipment along trail**



**Equipment hauling brush material**



**2021 Park Tour Comments – Fichtner Field Park**

Attached are comments from staff visual inspections at Fichtner Park. Cost estimates for future repairs to be forthcoming

Field #1 Comments:



Work with Hermantown Youth Baseball Association (HYBB) on repairing helmet storage



Discuss state of pavers at building and any remedies with Public Works



**Accessibility to bleachers needs to be considered**



**Potential trip hazard – how to address?**



**Discuss with City Building Official to see if this can be fixed**



**Continue to work/discuss with Public Works on interim drainage ideas/solutions**

**Field #2 Comments:**



**Dugouts to be replaced in either 2021 or 2020 depending on budget. Public Works is looking into pricing.**



**Work with HYB) on repairing benches**



**Accessibility to bleachers needs to be considered**

**Field #3 Comments:**



**Look at backstop area for potential repairs**



**Accessibility to bleachers and around field needs to be considered**

**Field #4 Comments:**





**Work with Public Works to fix or consider replacing dugout with chainlink fencing**



**Accessibility to bleachers and around field needs to be considered**

**Tee Ball Field Comments:**



**Seems to be OK. Continue maintenance**

**Playground Comments:**



**Seems to be OK. Continue maintenance but budget for future replacement**





**Seems to be OK. Continue maintenance but budget for future replacement**

**Basketball Court Comments:**



**Replace net. Coordinate with Public Works**



**Seal cracks. Budget for eventual replacement**

**Skate Park Comments:**



**Fence opening is not ADA compliant. Excessive grade change at pavement entry**



**Multiple damage areas to ramps as well as missing screws. Do we close skate park until this is fixed?**



**Seal cracks. Budget for eventual replacement**

**Park Building Comments:**





**Damage to sliding door mechanism. Work with HYBB to address**



**Budget for roof replacement**

**Picnic Table Shelter Comments:**



**Seems to be OK. Continue maintenance but budget for future replacement**



**Perform maintenance on picnic tables as necessary**

**Walkway Comments:**



**Accessibility throughout the park needs to be considered**

**Parking Lot Comments**



**Seal cracks, budget for maintenance and striping. Add ADA signage**