

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

PARK BOARD

August 17, 2021 Meeting Summary

Convened at Keene Creek Park

4:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director. Tony Marino, Lisa Smith, Bart Porter, Denette and Bill Lynch, Barb Harris, Laura Kleffman, Jeff Sapp.

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the June 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Dwight Morrison. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Bart Porter – snowmobile trails, beginner ski trails/ski grooming; Barbara Harris Hermantown Youth Soccer – status of vent in concession building, security cameras in park, removal of trash in garbage cans, removal of kickboard and overall desire for communication; Dennette and Bill Lynch – opportunities for a dog park in Hermantown; Tony Marino – use of future trail north of Morris Thomas Road to serve as emergency access to future development.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Provide update as to timelines for Rose Road batting cage and flagpole installation.

Paul Senst stated that the flagpole should be installed the week of August 16-20 and the batting cage the week of September 20-24 at the latest.

4B. Provide update on contractor proposals for Rose Road reseeding.

Eric Johnson provided proposal from Kerrick Sod - \$13,700 to seed, \$39,000 to sod \$500 to water per occurrence. Discussed pros and cons of seeding vs. sodding with Park Board stating preference for sodding. Eric to work on obtaining additional bids for work. Park Board voted 5-0 to pursue sodding of field 3 outfield with Jim Sonneson motioning to approve and Kelly Tasky seconding.

Laura Kleffman stated that softball can address cinch bug issues in the future at the field and asked about future spraying. Eric to discuss this with contractor and let softball know.

4C. Update on discussions with baseball pertaining to use of Keene Creek Park.

Eric provided update on discussions with Mike Fox of Hermantown Youth Baseball Paul Senst. Baseball prefers to move coach's pitch to Keene Creek for games but work needs to be completed on the field. Mike to send a letter to the Park Board

requesting use of the field and upgrading the facility. Baseball could work on the infield with the City addressing the backstop, fencing and dugouts. Price for work ranges from \$25,000 for upgrades to practice status to \$45,000 for game ready field.

Natalie Peterson stated this is something to look into however, the priority is the completion of Rose Road since the City has already made a significant investment in that park.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Review of Keene Creek trail and discussion about future park improvements.

Briefly discussed future park improvements at Keene Creek Park – playground, frisbee golf, dog park, benches and tables, etc. Natalie Peterson asked Park Board members to think about the park and their visions for it in the future.

Question about need for lights in the park to aid security.

5B. Information on Boulder Trail segment grand opening – August 24, 2021 5-7 p.m.

Natalie Peterson provided an update on the upcoming grand opening.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mike Miller – Tuck Pointing of concession building at Stebner Park

Gene Shaw – None.

Jim Sonneson – None.

Kelly Tasky – Rename Keene Creek Park to avoid confusion with Duluth’s park.

Dwight Morrison – None

Jenna Warmuth – None

Jesse Stokke – None

Natalie Peterson – None

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Kelly Tasky to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Mike Miller, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant