

CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
PARK BOARD

*Agenda*  
June 21, 2022  
4:30 PM

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT FICHTNER PARK BY THE CONCESSION STAND**

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
2A. March 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes.
3. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
4. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**  
4A. Rose Road Update
5. **NEW BUSINESS**  
5A. Fichtner Park Master Plan Discussion
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**  
22-38 Thank you note from Scott Fahlsing (Hermantown Night Riders)  
  
22-41 Request from Dave Huttel, Hermantown Arena Mgr., for deferral for costs of water bill.
7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**  
Michael Miller –  
Gene Shaw –  
Jim Sonneson –  
Kelly Tasky –  
Dwight Morrison –  
Jenna Warmuth –  
Natalie Peterson –
8. **ADJOURN**

CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
PARK BOARD  
March 15, 2022 Meeting Summary  
4:30 PM

**1. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mike Miller; Gene Shaw; Jim Sonneson; Kelly Tasky; Jenna Warmuth; and Jesse Stokke

Members Absent: Dwight Morrison and Natalie Peterson

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director and Mike Fox Hermantown Youth Baseball Association.

**2. MINUTES**

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jenna Warmuth. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**4. CONTINUING BUSINESS**

4A. Discuss Soccer Association request for water usage subsidy

Eric provided information for water usage from 2019, 2020 and 2021. Discussion involved an averaging of the water usage of the three years or capping the amount.

Motion made by Gene Shaw to recommend a grant of 20% of water usage, capped at \$3,000. Seconded by Kelly Tasky. Motion carried 6-0.

4B. Improvements at Keene Creek Park for Hermantown Youth Baseball

Eric provided an update on the park dedication funds as well as the estimate youth baseball provided for Keene Creek field improvements. Due to low funds at this time, improvements to the field at Keene Creek park will need to happen with City maintenance and user group funds. Eric to meet with Paul Senst and Mike Fox to discuss available funds and what can be accomplished with that. Eric will provide an update at the April meeting.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Tentative park walk through date is Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mike Miller – None

Gene Shaw – None

Jim Sonneson – None

Kelly Tasky – None

Dwight Morrison – Absent

Jenna Warmuth – None

Jesse Stokke – Jesse verbally tendered his resignation from the Park Board. He is chairing the Hermantown YES committee, so he will still be involved with parks from a different perspective.

Natalie Peterson – Absent

**8. ADJOURN** Motion made by Mike Miller to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jenna Warmuth. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

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Mike Miller, Chair

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Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant

Park Board  
June 21, 2022

Agenda Items: 4-A

**TO:** Park Board Members  
**FROM:** Eric Johnson, Community  
Development Director



**DATE:** June 15, 2022

**Meeting Date:** 06/21/2022

**SUBJECT:** Rose Road Update

**Agenda Items: 4-A**

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## BACKGROUND

At the August 2021 Park Board meeting, the Park Board recommended the installation of sod at Rose Road park, field 3. The City Council approved a contract with Northwoods Sodding in September 2021 for this work.

It was originally anticipated that the field work would commence in early May but due to a wet/cold spring the work started in late May. The sod installation was finished on June 8. I have attached photos taken this morning showing the work. The work is still fresh and the sod appears stressed, but this can happen during the first couple of weeks after installation.

The City has a contract with Northwoods Sodding to provide the labor associated with the watering of the sod. The City is providing the water for this work.



From walking the field, it appears that there may need to be additional ag-lime in order to avoid a lip where the infield meets to sod.



From conversations with the contractor, the sod will need 2-3 weeks in order to knit in and then be ready for play.

City staff has been in discussion with Jon Nicksich regarding the batting cage net between fields 1 and 2. The City will be providing some clips and chain for softball to use to lower the hanging height of the net.

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**SOURCE OF FUNDS (if applicable)**

Park Dedication

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Park Board  
June 21, 2022

Agenda Items: 5-A

**TO:** Park Board Members  
**FROM:** Eric Johnson, Community  
Development Director



**DATE:** June 15, 2022

**Meeting Date:** 06/21/2022

**SUBJECT:** Fichtner Park Concepts

**Agenda Items: 5-A**

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### **BACKGROUND**

City staff, the City Engineer (NCE) and SAS+Associates had a meeting with Varsity Baseball and Youth Baseball in mid May. The main discussion point was the orientation of field 1 and baseball's vision for the fields.

The general consensus was for a cloverleaf style design where all infields/home plats meet at an interior central point. Baseball's vision for the park was to have one artificial turf field which could accommodate softball and all levels of baseball. In addition, there was the desire of having a full size grass field in addition to the artificial turf one.

City staff has also been contacted by residents expressing an interest in tennis courts and pickleball courts. These items would be in addition to the potential basketball court, skatepark and playground area.

NCE and SAS has utilized this information to come up with three concepts and concept cost estimates. The three options range in the levels/cost of redevelopment of the various park amenities.

City staff is looking for comments from the Park Board in order for NCE and SAS to continue their design work. Staff anticipates additional discussions/meetings with user groups and interested residents. Staff anticipates having the Park Board review the master plan again after this process and for the Board to recommend the master plan to the City Council. Ultimately the master plan will serve as a marketing tool for the Community Recreation Initiative and the associated groups to use in their discussion with the public.

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### **SOURCE OF FUNDS (if applicable)**

N/A

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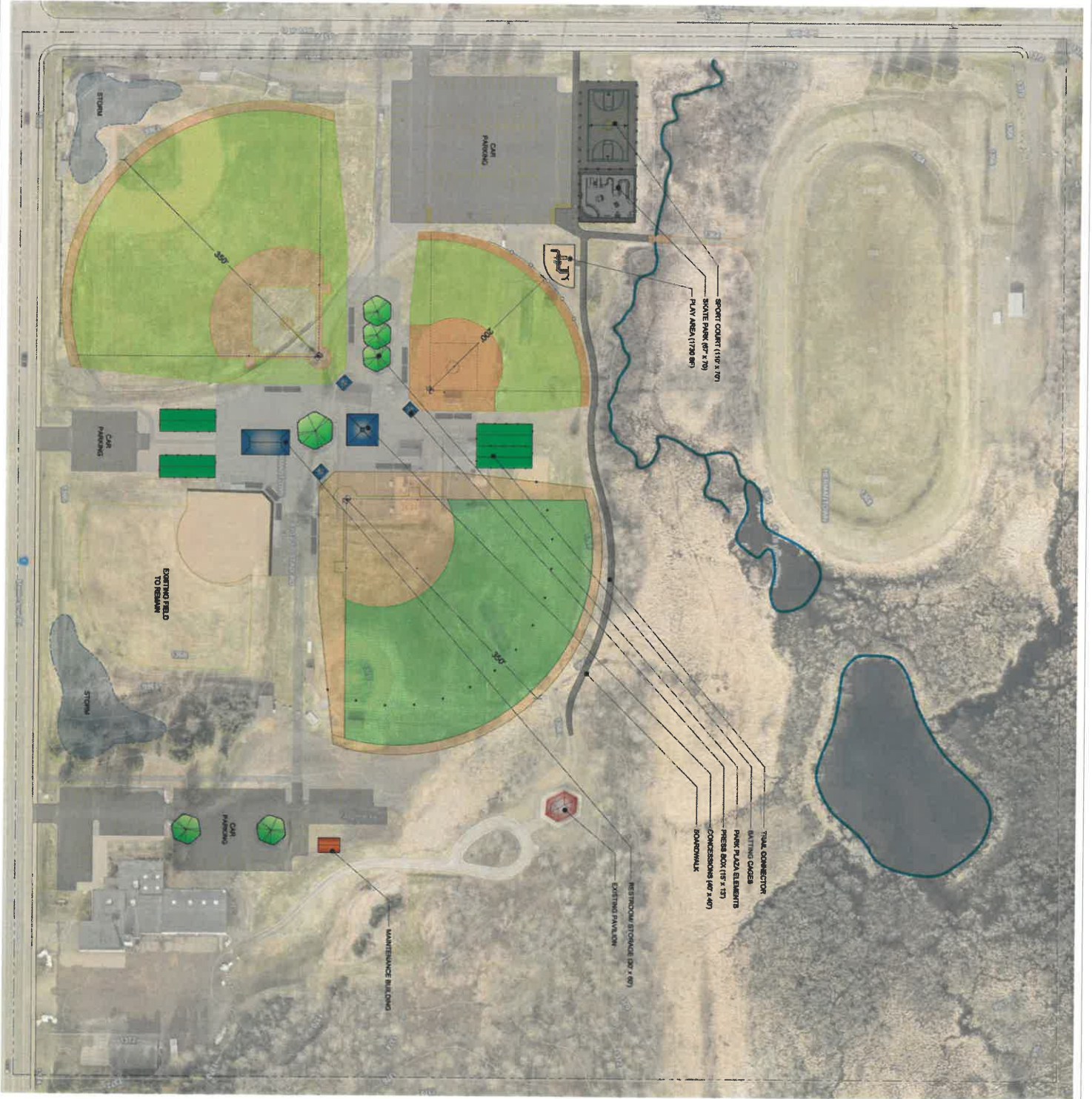
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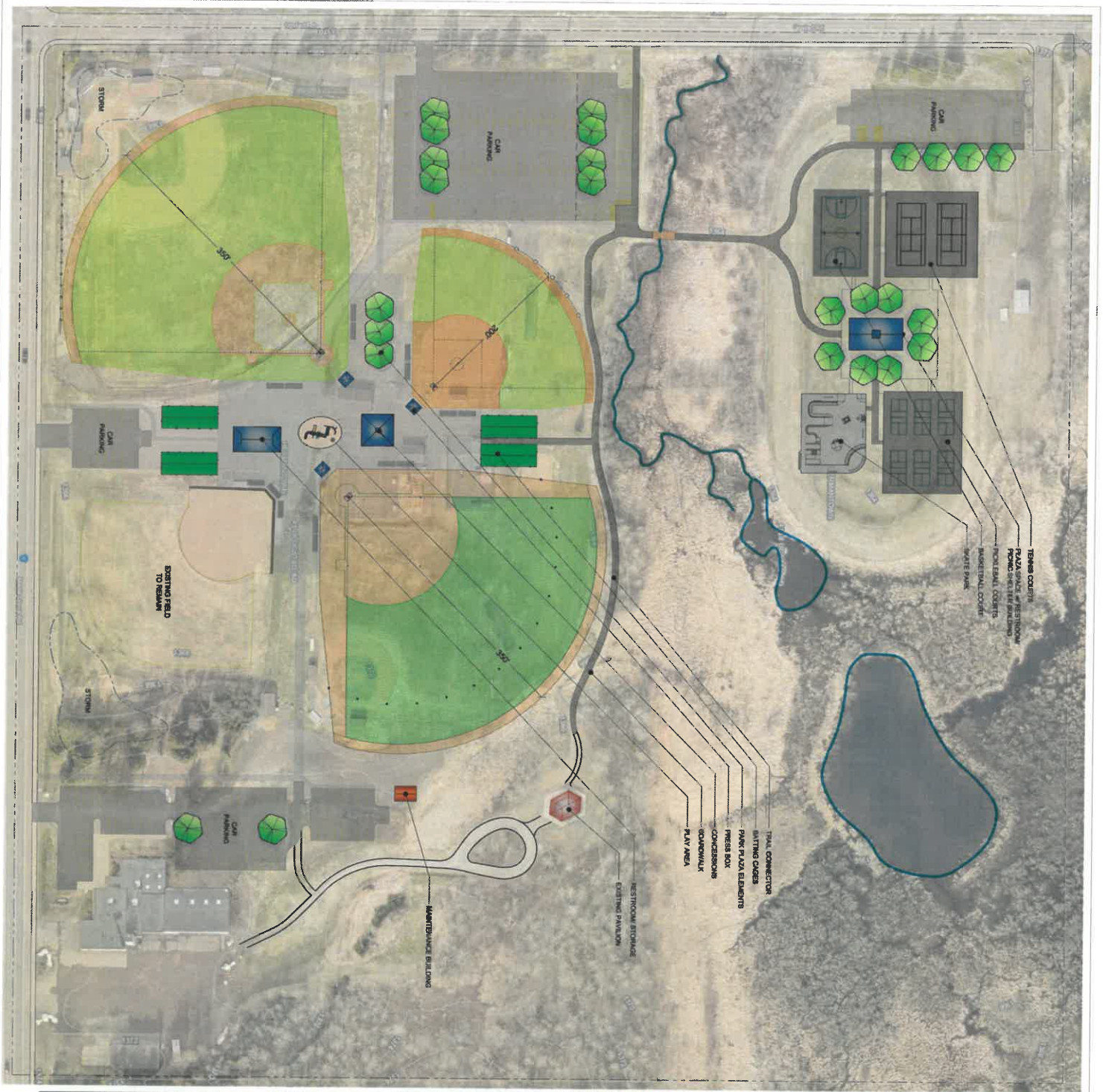
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members of parks & rec.,

we want to send our appreciation for your considerable assistance in securing a grant to help us purchase a side by side for grooming purposes. it will be very helpful in keeping our trails in great shape. this, in turn, will bring snowmobilers into the area and show hermantown's wonderful assets.

hermantown night riders

Scott Fahling  
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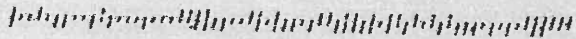
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April 8, 2022

Mayor Boucher, Hermantown City Council, and the Park board:

In the past the Hermantown Park Board has granted the arena \$2,000 to defer the cost of our water bill. We are requesting this number be increased to \$3,000.

A large percentage of this water is used to flood and maintain our outside rinks as well as our pleasure skating rink. These rinks are open to public use all winter long.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Dave Huttel

Hermantown Arena Manager  
218-428-2161