



CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
September 16, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jim Sonneson; Gene Shaw; Kelly Tasky; Mike Miller; Dwight Morrison; Dwight Wikstrom; James Nelson; and John Geissler

Members Absent:

Others Present: Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Gene Shaw to approve the August 19, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Jim Sonneson. Motion carried 7-0.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Discussion on park and field naming

Park Board held a robust, thoughtful discussion regarding the naming of two or one fields at Rose Roade after long-time Hermantown softball coach, Tom Bang. The group unanimously concurred that naming made sense and should move forward, but preferred (by a 4-2 mark) to focus the naming on a single field rather than two. Staff will move the recommendation forward, determining with outside groups the specific naming desires and logistics, before representing to Park Board and eventually via resolution to the City Council. Additionally, discussion about the challenges of naming parks (or anything) after individuals also occurred. The goal of not ending up comparing community members to each other was important, as was weighing each possibility on its own merit vs. having a set process

5. NEW BUSINESS

Staff updated Park Board on upcoming trail construction, as well as upcoming winterization efforts at Rose Road and Fichtner Park

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Kelly Tasky – None

Gene Shaw – None

Jim Sonneson – None

Dwight Morrison – none

James Nelson – None

Dwight Wikstrom – None

John Geissler – None

8. ADJOURN Motion made by Kelly Tasky to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dwight Morrison. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Kelly Tasky, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant