



CITY OF HERMANTOWN
PARK BOARD
January 21, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Gene Shaw and Dwight Morrison

Others Present: Eric Johnson, Community Development Director and Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator and Communications Director

2. MINUTES

Motion made by Jim Sonneson to approve the November 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike Miller. Motion carried 5 – 0.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS

4A. Update on trail projects.

Eric updated the Board on Segment 4 of the trail, which runs from Keene Creek Park, down to the south, to the city border. Having walked approximately half of the segment, Eric reported that it is the best-looking portion of the trail in the city to date, highlighting the initial grading and clearing as well as the quality of the topography work that has been completed. He also stated that come spring of 2026, two bridges will be set to cross Keene Creek.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6A. Purchase of Mary Murphy property and future park.

Joe Wicklund, Assistant City Administrator and Communications Director, advised the Board of the process undertaken by the City in coordination with Mary Murphy's family to acquire the Mary Murphy property. Mr. Wicklund stated that the City will designate the property as a city park to be named "Murphy Family Jackson Project Park" (commonly referred to as "Murphy Family Park") no later than July 4, 2026, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 412.491.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Kelly Tasky – None

Gene Shaw – Absent

Mike Miller – None

Jim Sonneson – Asked about the bleachers at Fichtner. Continuing discussion

Dwight Morrison – Absent

James Nelson – Left early

Dwight Wikstrom – None

John Geissler – None

8. ADJOURN Motion made by Mike Miller to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dwight Wickstrom. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Officiated by:

Transcribed by:

Kelly Tasky, Chair

Mary Melde, Administrative Assistant