

# PARK BOARD

## CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the Wednesday, June 17, 2015:

BOARD MEMBERS	:	Mickey Nelson	Dan Aitken
		Sue Gillespie	Sylvia Klas
		Betsy Wharton	Lynn Schoen
		Larry Udstuen	
STAFF PRESENT:		Mike Mroz	Park Superintendent
		Patty Heraty	Deputy Clerk

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2015 at City Hall and was called to order by Mike Mroz at 4:31.

Roll Call found members Nelson, Gillespie, Wharton, Aitken, Klas and Udstuen present. Member Schoen was absent.

Members Gillespie and Udstuen moved to approve the minutes of 5/20/15 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Additions/changes to agenda: none

Public Comments: none

General Business

### 1. Isaak Walton Park

City Administrator Chad Springer is requesting the board consider a project to update the facilities at Ike's parks. There is a possibility of some local contractors donating their time and expertise to construct decking and a staging area to be used for small gatherings and fishing tournaments and may include an upgrade to the restroom facilities. The staging area would be used for loading/offloading for fishing tournaments and could also be used as handicap access for boats. Chad has already started to research grant possibilities and would like the board to consider the project and determine which upgrades should be set at high priority.

The board discussed the proposed project and was in agreement that it would be an appropriate project for the park. The board encouraged staff to contact local organizations for possible grant/donations.

Board members Aitken and Nelson moved to approve moving forward with planning the project and obtaining grants/donations. Adopted unanimously.

### 2. Pool Attractions

Mike Mroz reported that the slides have been removed and provided the board with possible options to replace the slide. Board members were provided with information on open slides and a climbing wall. He stated the cost of the climbing wall would be about \$10,000 and the open slides start at about \$13,000. Mike stated that the Plainview pool has both items, but that he has not had the opportunity to ask them about their experience.

Board members discussed the information provided. It was decided that the climbing wall was not feasible as it would require a single staff person to oversee patrons on the wall at all times and was not a safe alternative. It was decided that an open slide would be the best alternative.

Staff will look into donations/fundraisers to offset the cost and will meet with city administrator to discuss timeline of project.

### 3. Park Land Sale and or/lease

City Administrator Chad Springer is requesting the board consider the possibility of selling or drafting a long term lease for the park land that sits across Bailey Ave from Marcou Park. Staff stated that there is still more research to be done on the property as it is FEMA land and there may be restrictions. The county recorder has stated that there are no restrictions on the property; however Keith Hough the previous owner stated that he obtained the property from FEMA and the city obtained it from him, and therefore there should be FEMA restrictions on the property. Staff would like the board's view on selling the property prior to moving forward with additional research. Board members discussed the proposal and the majority was in favor of selling the property.

Board members Klas and Udstuen moved to approve moving forward with the project contingent upon additional research on FEMA property restrictions. Adopted with the following vote: Ayes – Klas, Gillespie, Wharton, Udstuen. Nay – Nelson.

### 4. Camper Agreement

Due to a delay in installation of electrical at the two new campsites, the campers were unable to move into their spots until the beginning of May. One of the campers was able to move into a transient site until their site was completed therefore Mike is suggesting the city refund the camper the difference between an inland and waterfront site for one month, which amounts to 89.00.

Staff reported that the other camper was not able to move into the site and has already received a credit against the lease amount for two weeks and is requesting a refund to the camper of the remainder.

Members Gillespie and Wharton moved to refund the campers in the new sites as requested because the sites were not available at the beginning of the season. Adopted unanimously.

### 5. Boat Trailer Parking

The city has been having problems with boat trailers being parked for long periods of time in unsanctioned areas such as the bathhouse and Ikes Park overflow lot. The camper lease agreement does not address trailer parking except that it is prohibited in front of the park shop and the boat lease says that trailer parking is not included in the slip lease. The current trailer parking areas are 72 hour parking, which is the case for all city parking areas. Staff is requesting the board's feedback on ways to alleviate this problem.

Board members discussed the issue and it was decided that staff should contact owners of trailers that are parked illegally and request they be moved. It was also suggested that staff

contact Parkside Marina to see if they would be willing to rent storage space to campers for trailer storage. Staff will keep the board updated.

6. Old Business

Board members reported that the fence on top of the slide at beach park looks great.

Board member Nelson reported that there is a faucet leaking at the Community Garden.

Board members Wharton and Klas moved to appoint Mickey Nelson as board president. Adopted unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 4:30 at City Hall. Having no other business, members Gillespie and Aitken moved to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Adopted unanimously.

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Patty Heraty, Deputy Clerk