

# PARK BOARD

## CITY OF WABASHA

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 15, 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, July 15, 2015 at City Hall and was called to order by Mike Mroz at 4:30.

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 6/17/15 as presented. Adopted unanimously.

Additions/changes to agenda: none

Public Comments: none

General Business

1. **Tennis Court Removal/Replacement** – Mike is requesting the board consider complete removal of the tennis court blacktop and replace with open green space. The original plan was to mill the blacktop, which has been done, and use the space as additional parking for ballfields. However, it is not being used as parking. Mike feels the best use would be to remove the blacktop and fencing and plant grass seed. In the future possibly trees could be planted in area.

Board members Nelson and Klas moved to approve removing the blacktop and fencing at the tennis courts and plant grass seed. Adopted Unanimously.

2. **2016 Budget** – Mike reported that the council and staff will be having a meeting to discuss the 2016 budget. He requested the board think of any projects that need to be done in the parks next year.

The following items were discussed:

- a. Pool slide
- b. Resurfacing pool deck
- c. Updating shower areas
- d. Pavers at Heritage Park (Doffing Fund?)
- e. Ikes Park facility update
- f. Retaining wall at Heritage park (timbers are rotting)
- g. Restroom locks – due to vandalism
- h. Sidewalk up to Gazebo at Beach Park (Park Plan)
- i. Small Pavilion at Athletic Field (Park Plan)
- j. Replacing Pool - need to consider and start saving for future replacement.

3. **2016 Aquatics Season** – Mike is requesting the board consider having the pool director attend board meetings when pool business/activity is on the agenda. This would improve communication with the director and make it easier on Mike as he would not have relay messages between the board and director.

Also, Mike would like the board to consider eliminating holding session 3 of lessons for Pepin. In recent years this has caused misunderstandings and problems with scheduling lessons. If eliminated, Pepin students would need to sign up for lessons on the sign up night just like all others. Staff would notify the school when sign up night is.

Board Members Nelson and Wharton moved to eliminate holding session 3 swimming lessons for Pepin students. Adopted unanimously.

4. Mike informed board members that the city has received a complaint regarding the geese at Malone Park. The resident indicated that he/she does not like the geese coming into his/her yard and leaving a mess. Mike asked for the boards input on a resolution to the overpopulation of geese. Board members decided that staff should look into ways to cull the herd.
5. Mike informed board members that the campground had been recently inspected by the state and that the campground had been cited for not having backflow valves on all sites. He has ordered the valves and will be installing them this week.

#### Old Business

Mike updated the board on the following projects:

1. FEMA property – more information is needed before any further progress with this project.
2. Boat Trailer Parking – has not had a chance to contact the marina regarding trailer storage parking.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 4:30 at City Hall. Having no other business, members Aitken and Gillespie moved to adjourn at 5:15 pm. Adopted unanimously.

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Patty Heraty, Deputy Clerk