

**PARK BOARD  
CITY OF WABASHA**

Minutes of the Wednesday, October 26, 2011, meeting:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**   Nan Hiers (Chair)                   Mickey Nelson  
                          Sue Gillespie                             Dan Aitken  
                          Jan Kasper                                 Brenda Stauffer  
                          Jason Timm

**STAFF:**                   Keith Hough                             Parks Superintendent  
                              Mike Mroz                               Public Works Dept.

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at City Hall and was called to order by member Hiers at 4:30 pm.

Roll call found members Hiers, Gillespie, Nelson, Kasper and Aitken present. Members Timm, and Stauffer were absent.

Board Members Gillespie and Aitken moved to approve the September 21, 2011 regular minutes with the following correction. Adopted unanimously.

- Correction location of meeting from Beach Park to City Hall

**Public Comments - none**

**General Business - none**

**Old Business**

Board Member Hiers gave an update on the summer rec program. She reported that she has met with Mike Schumacher several times after the last Park Board meeting and that he is working to set up a non-profit softball program and he has also spoken with Chad Springer with Falcon Baseball.

She also reported that Chad Springer with Falcon Baseball is talking with Bunny Wodele from Legion Ball regarding the legion ball field.

Board member Nelson stated that she would like better communication with city hall and that there has not been good communication between staff and the board over the last 2 years and she felt the board was blindsided at the last meeting. Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant and board secretary stated that she disagreed with board member Nelson on this issue.

**Other Business**

Board Member Hiers updated board members on Heritage Park. She reported that Larry Udstuen had trimmed the bushes. Board members decided to send Mr. Udstuen a thank you note. It was also decided to have more mulch delivered on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Keith reported that the pool project is ongoing but that there was more reconstruction than anticipated and that the project will have to be completed in the spring prior to the pool opening instead of this fall as originally planned.

The tennis courts were discussed – at a previous meeting it was decided to have staff contact the school to see if they would be interested in moving the tennis courts out to school property. Keith reported that he called the superintendent at the school but has not heard back from him yet; he will try to contact him again.

Keith updated the board on the skate park. He reported that several staff and community members donated their time and labor to do the repairs at the skate park and that they are still waiting on the half-pipe from CA.

Keith updated the board on planting lilacs along the berm in the campground. He reported that since it is now getting colder, it would be best to wait until spring to plant the bushes.

Keith reported that the campground and parks are winterized for the season.

Schmidt Park plantings and locations were discussed. Keith reported that Diane Schuth had a historic map of planting locations.

Keith reported that the Beach Park shelter roof is not completed yet, but is supposed to be this year.

Board membership was discussed. Board Members Brenda Stauffer and Jason Timm have both missed several meetings and board members discussed if they were remaining on the board. Board member Gillespie announced that she will be gone for 4 months. Board members discussed advertising for board membership. Board members directed staff to run an ad in the paper for membership.

Keith brought forward for discussion purchasing a blower for the Park Department lawnmower. He is recommending purchasing a blower at a cost of \$3900 for the department's John Deere mower. The blower would be used to clear snow from the ice rink and sidewalks. Keith also brought forward for discussion purchasing a new lawnmower at a cost of \$6300.00.

Board members discussed the two items, after all discussion, board members Aitken and Nelson moved to recommend to council that the Park Department purchase the blower attachment for the John Deere mover at a cost of \$3900.00. Adopted unanimously.

Board members decided to revisit purchasing a new mower at a later date.

Keith announced that he is leaving the city after 36 years at the end of this year. The board asked if it would be appropriate to make a recommendation of support to appoint Mike Mroz as new Park Superintendent. Keith stated that he was not sure how the position was going to be filled and that it would be appropriate. It was decided that Board Member Hiers would make a recommendation of support at the next council meeting.

Keith also stated that he would like the board to consider naming the FEMA land by Bailey Campground to Cowntown Park.

Having no other business, members Nelson and Kasper moved to adjourn at 5:36 pm. Adopted unanimously.

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Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant