

**Lanesboro Park Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Rick Darling, Teri Benson, Brenda Semmen, Samantha Heraldson, and Jim Haugen

**Members Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Ardell Nordgaard, Marge Drake, Autumn Johnson, Steve Majerus, Karen Swanson, Barb Jeffers, Jim Butler and family.

**Call to Order:** Board member Benson called the regular meeting of the Park Board to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Adopt Agenda:** Board member Darling made a motion to approve the Agenda with the additions of: Girl Scouts Rental and Bunny Trail to Miscellaneous. Member Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all in favor.

**Approve Minutes of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017:** Motion was made by Board Member Darling to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Board Member Haugen. Motion carried all in favor.

**Regular Business:**

- A. **Jim Butler – Bible Baptist Church:** Mr. Butler was present to discuss the cancellation of the rental contract for the Bible Baptist Church. He provided a handout that discussed the freedom of religion in public spaces. Administrator Peterson noted that in October of 2014 the Park Board had approved of 30 day rental periods. It was noted that staff believes the group is accessing other parts of the building not under the rental contract. After much discussion the board stayed with the decision to terminate the rental contract.
- B. **Sylvan Park Electrical Fund Proposal:** Barb Jeffers explained the idea of starting a special fund for the upgrade of the electrical in Sylvan Park. Jeffers offered to help with the fundraising, if Administration would set up and maintain the account. Member Haugen motioned to recommend to Council the creation of a special fund to improve the electric in Sylvan Park. Member Semmen seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. **Tree Planting at Bass Pond:** Karen Swanson was present to discuss the idea of additional Birch tree plantings at the Bass Pond parking area. She would like to fundraise to allow for 5 additional Birch trees to be planted in the ditch area. She is volunteering to organize the fund raising as well continue the watering after they are planted. Member Haugen motioned to

approve Swanson to planning the project and bring back specific plans. Member Semmen seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

D. **Staff Update:** The board encouraged staff to document any finding of misuse of the building. Nordgaard noted that signs had been created to redirect traffic during the park road construction. Steve Majerus noted that dirt had been filled in around the basketball courts as well as seeded.

E. **Request for donations for Picnic Shelter:** The board discussed attaining a cost list of items to rebuild the picnic shelter. Perhaps have a community work day to rebuild the shelter. Discussion to be continued.

F. **Bass Pond Parking Fill:** Public Works offered placement of fill along County Road 8 in the Bass Pond parking area. This would provide not such a steep embankment, and allow for mowing. The Board approved of this idea.

G. **Continued Business:**

1. **Park Road:** Construction on the Park Road will be starting tomorrow, and should only be a couple of weeks until completion.
2. **Backboards and Water Fountain:** Member Semmen motioned to approve the purchase of two basketball backboards and hoops for the gymnasium. Member Heraldson seconded the motion. A grant of \$500 has been received from the Lanesboro Area Community Foundation. As well a generous donation of \$500 from the Lanesboro American Legion was also received. The total cost of the equipment is \$2,350; the school will also be participating in the cost of the backboards. Motion carried all in favor. Peterson will continue looking for funding sources for the water fountain.
3. **Parking Permits for Ballfield:** The Board discussed various options to allow for commercial parking in the ballfield parking area. It was noted the board would like to see a permit and sticker for each trailer and or vehicle. All equipment must be stored on trailers. They would like to have Attorney Manion draft a procedure for use of that area, as well the permits would be considered seasonal.
4. **Gazebo Landscaping:** The Board approved of staff removing the existing landscaping near the gazebo this fall. New landscaping will be done by community involvement, with placing and plantings next spring.

H. **Miscellaneous:**

1. **Girl Scouts Rental:** Member Darling motioned to approve use of the Community Room by the Girl Scouts for a rummage sale on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at no cost. Member Heraldson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
2. **Bunny Trail:** Mayor Johnson was present to provide an update on the trail. This project idea come from past city employee Mark Lawstuen. The previous Friday Johnson and Lawstuen worked with the Lanesboro Elementary School to help place gravel on the trail. Saturday addition volunteers were present from Viterbo University, Lanesboro Arts, and community members to help place additional gravel on the trail.

Currently the trail has been cleared up to the old Boy Scout cabin. The trail is being built by the STS crew, they are hopeful to be to work on the trail in October.

- 3. Ice Rink Placement:** Steve Majerus questioned where the ice rink should be placed this year. Peterson will try and find the dimensions, while Nordgaard and Majerus will use those dimensions to determine possible locations. Discussion to be continued next month.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Board Member Haugen to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Motion was seconded by Board Member Benson. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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City Administrator / Clerk