

Lanesboro Park Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 24th, 2017
4:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Samantha Heraldson

Visitors: Ardell Nordgaard, Marge Drake, Steve Majerus, and Stacey Schultz.

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 Haugen made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of: Fruit trees and garden. Member Semmen seconded the motion. Motion carried, all in favor.

Approve Minutes of September 26th, 2017: Motion was made by Board Member Semmen to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Board Member Benson. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. **Stacey Schultz:** Schultz was present to discuss her project P.L.A.Y.Y. She thanked the board for the use of the community center building. She plans to use the space every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30. She has reached out to the residents of Kenilworth and Sylvan, as well as the families involved in ECFE, in an effort to create an intergenerational environment. The Lanesboro Area Community Foundation granted P.L.A.Y.Y. \$500, as well she received a matching grant from Mary Anderson in the amount of \$500. She plans to evaluate in the spring how the project went.
- B. **Staff Update:** Ardie Nordgaard noted that camping has gone very well this year, however expects the numbers to decline for the remainder of the season. There were a total of 5 trees planted, 4 in the park and 1 at the Bass Pond Parking area. The vegetation from around the gazebo was removed. The gym floor was resurfaced today; this was due to damage from the last Red Cross Blood drive. For this reason the Red Cross will be receiving the invoice to repair the damage.
- C. **Continued Business:**
 1. **Park Road:** Blacktopping is scheduled to begin tomorrow.
 2. **Backboards and Hoops:** Backboards and Hoops have been installed.
 3. **Water Fountain:** Administrator Peterson noted that the Lanesboro Booster Club has been approached to help with the funding of this project. The City still has \$325 in donations that can be applied to this project.
 4. **Sylvan Park Electrical Fund:** The fund has been established, as well Barb Jeffers has been actively looking for donations.

5. **Parking Permits for Ballfield:** The board discussed creating a policy, however after much consideration it was noted it should be an ordinance for enforcement purposes. Administrator Peterson will work with Attorney Manion to create an ordinance for review to include: A permit fee, Seasonal (April-October, or the first snow fall), Fines for parking overnight without a permit, limited number of permits, and everything needs to be mobile (easily and quickly moved). The board also discussed having signs made to note the different parking spaces. Also discussed was the amount of the permit fee, the board felt more information on the cost to prepare the area was needed prior to make a decision. Discussion was also had regarding any possible liability with the permitting process.
6. **Ice Rink Placement:** The old skate park enclosure was measured and the ice rink would fit inside the fenced area. After some discussion the conclusion was made to place the ice rink in this location for this year, and then evaluate if it should be moved next year. The idea is to find a permanent location for the ice rink. It was noted there is ample parking and good lighting. However the board discussed the idea of hanging lights around the fence for aesthetics.
7. **Gazebo Landscaping and Picnic Shelter:** Both of these items will be tabled until next spring, when we will plan to have community input on accomplishing these two tasks.

D. Miscellaneous:

1. **Fruit Trees and Garden:** Mayor Johnson had shared an idea from community members regarding the planting and maintaining of fruit trees throughout town. The idea would be to involve the school, and teach the students what is needed to maintain a fruit tree. Possibly in the fall there could be a community event, sharing the fruit in some manner. The board felt this could be a positive idea, however felt that a dedicated person to organize and maintain it would be needed. They did also share concern for increased mowing if the trees were planted in public areas. As well the concern about increased deer traffic, members felt that the traffic was currently too high. Additionally Johnson noted the idea of creating a butterfly garden in the lot owned by Public Utilities off of Ridgeview Drive. Again the board felt this was a good idea, however expressed concern that they would like to have someone that would volunteer to create and maintain the area.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Board Member Haugen to adjourn at 4:59 p.m. Motion was seconded by Board Member Darling. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michele Peterson
City Administrator / Clerk