

**Lanesboro Park Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

Members Present: Teri Benson, Brenda Semmen, Alex Gehrig, Sam Hearldson in person and Rick Darling via Zoom

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Ardie Nordgaard, Melissa Wray, Kara Maloney, Mitchell Walbridge and Kate O'Neary

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 Hearldson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition as submitted.. Member Gehrig seconded the motion. Motion carried, all in favor.

Approve Minutes: Motion was made by Board Member Semmen to approve the meeting minutes from October 27, 2020 as submitted. Motion was seconded by Board Member Benson. Motion carried all in favor.

Regular Business:

- A. Staff Update:** Director Nordgaard noted that he has kept busy with cleaning, sanitizing, plowing and prepping for the new staff member Mark Lawstuen.
- B. Seasonal Employment Needs:** An offer has been extended to invite Logan Jenson to come back for the summer season, however he has not decided. The goal is to have two part time employees for the season. Chairperson Benson will assist in the hiring process.
- C. Log Cabin Restoration:** Kate O'Neary suggested that the Log Cabin in Sylvan Park be utilized as a Public Space as it was originally. Members shared positive feedback for this idea, however also shared concerns for the items being stored in it. Further consideration will be given to this idea, if another storage space can be identified for the items.
- D. Tree Donation Request:** A donation of \$100 was received for the purchase of 1 or 2 trees to be planted in Sylvan Park. An exact location for the trees will be determined in the Spring.
- E. Lanesboro Arts 2021 Events:** Kara Maloney requested permission to hold the annual Art in the Park event on June 19th, 2021. Lanesboro Arts will be following recommended guidelines. Member Hearldson motioned to approve the event. Member Gehrig seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Maloney also requested use of the grass area between the river and the ballfield in order to host four concerts to be held the 2nd Friday of June, July, August, and September in 2021. Member Semmen motioned to approve the request for use of the space. Member Hearldson seconded the motion. Lanesboro Arts is looking into the cost of having an electrical service installed in this space as well at their cost. Motion carried with all in favor.

Continued Business:

- A. Covid 19 Update:** The Council has approved rental of the community center, as long as guidelines for gatherings are followed.

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B. Founders Park Sub Committee Development: Kate O'Neary shared the background of the idea for this park. This would be a day park with possibly a shelter, table, concrete, burners, and some fencing, no running water would be available. The goal is to represent the history of our community within this park design. A flier has been distributed in town, and seven community vendors have volunteered to help with design and funding research. O'Neary will represent the Heritage Preservation Commission on the development committee, and is requesting that a member from the Park Board also participate. Member Darling volunteered to be this representative. Administration will help coordinate the first meeting for the committee.

Miscellaneous:

A. Staffing Changes: Administrator Peterson shared the thought process behind the staffing changes. David Haugen was promoted to a supervisory position, in order to help facilitate the City's resources in the most efficient way possible. He will be a go to for the new staff members and to help coordinate projects for both Street and Park. There have been no changes to the Park Department budget with this change.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Board Member Gehrig to adjourn at 5:07 p.m. Motion was seconded by Board Member Benson. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson, MCMC
City Administrator/Clerk