

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

Members Present: Teri Benson, Alex Gehrig, Sam Hearldson, and Rick Darling

Members Absent: Brenda Semmen

Visitors: Ardie Nordgaard, Mark Lawstuen, Darla Taylor, Michele Peterson, Mitchell Walbridge, Tiana Degarmo 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 Gehrig motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of bike rack, insurance requirements and building use under miscellaneous. Member Darling seconded the motion. Motion carried, all in favor.

Approve Minutes: Motion was made by Board Member Darling to approve the meeting minutes from February 23, 2021 with the addition of Mitchell Walbridge as a visitor. 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, spring work and introducing Mark Lawstuen to the various duties. Mark Lawstuen shared that he has been painting at the depot building and getting familiar with the daily chores. His goal for the park is to add more recreation while keeping up the maintenance. He noted that partnerships with other organizations will be key. A lawn mower quote was received from Preston Equipment. The quote was \$4150 to trade, however only \$2500 was budgeted for so the additional \$1600 would come from the vehicle replacement fund. A motion was made by Member Darling to approve the quote as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Gehrig. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Seasonal Employment Needs:** Logan Jenson has committed to returning to his position for 2021. An ad was placed in the Fillmore County Journal and on the website for the remaining opening. Interviews will be held on April 12 with Teri and Alex facilitating.

Continued Business:

- A. Covid 19 Update:** No update
- B. Founders Park Sub Committee Development:** Kate O'Neary shared the vision the group of volunteers discussed at their meeting held the prior evening which included shelters, tables, benches, implements, trees and possibly a gazebo. Tiana Degarmo shared ideas for turning some of the historic pieces into purposeful uses for the park

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area including benches on the implements or the possibility of using old wheels as a barrier from park and parking area. It was note that both Tiana Degarmo and Michael Seiler are familiar with grant writing and could be of assistance. The group will be working to gather estimated costs. Once the group has established a formal and final plan it will be presented to the park board for approval.

- C. **Dog Park:** It was noted by Administrator Peterson that there is a group working on a proposal but at this time there is nothing formal to present.

Miscellaneous:

- A. **Walking Tour Date:** The Lanesboro Park Board will meet on April 24th at 8am to perform a walking tour of the city owned and maintained by the park department facilities.
- B. **Bike Rack:** The idea of having a bike rack on city owned property on Coffee Street was discussed. The board thought it would be a good idea to consider. Darla will reach out to past possible donors and the person who suggested the idea.
- C. **Insurance Requirement:** The current rental policy states that insurance may be required to host an event at the community center. Clarification on when insurance would be required, and the possibility to require all events to carry insurance rather than hiring a police officer were considered. A revised copy of the contract will be presented at the next meeting.
- D. **Building Use:** Recent requests to use the building as an office space have been received. The board was asked to consider that possible use of the building space and if a fee should be established for that type of use. No action was taken.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Board Member Hearldson to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. Motion was seconded by Board Member Gehrig. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor
Deputy Clerk