

*Trail to the Past. Road to the Future.*

**PARK AND RECREATION**

**BOARD MEETING**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

21 5th STREET E

MANTORVILLE, MN 55955

TUESDAY

September 29, 2024 6:30pm

1. **Call to Order**: Chairmen Brad Germundson called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
   1. **Members Present for Quorum**: Brandy Ramer, Brad Germundson, Henry Blair, Matt Wohlenhaus, Don Hofsted
   2. **Members Absent**: Lyle Hoaglund, Martha Vrieze
   3. **Special Guest**: Public Works Lead Joe Adams, Park Board secretary Stephanie Arnold
2. **Adopt the Agenda:** Member Henry Blair moved to adopt the agenda. Member Brandy Ramer seconded.

**Passed. 5 yay / 0 nay**

1. **Approval of Minutes:** 
   1. 6/27/2024 – Member Henry Blair moved. Member Brandy Ramer seconded.

Passed. 5 yay / 0 nay

1. **New Business:**
   1. Wish List
      1. Joe Adams states he approached Council with the Park Board budget. At this point they are not planning on removing anything.
         1. Plans are to lease lawnmower instead of purchasing. This would change the price for the lawnmower from $25,000 down to $6,116.17/year. He is looking at John Deere for leasing.
      2. Member Henry Blair states last night the council had an initial levy of 13%. They started at 18%. Each percent is roughly $6,000.
      3. Joe Adams states there isn’t a lot of wiggle room for Park Board.
         1. The rock in Mantorfield is needed, Tires for the gator are bald, and the basketball/hockey rink we have to keep adding to in order to get help from Joint Ventures. Lowering the lawnmower should be a huge lower for the Park Budget.
         2. Decoration committee wants to have their budget under the Park Board.
         3. There has been talks of local businesses purchasing nicer benches and adding a plaque on them around town. This would lower the budget by removing benches.
2. **Old Business:**
   1. Hockey Rink/Basketball Court
      1. Joint Ventures are going to be donating $30,000, $15,000 the first year.
   2. Band Shell
      1. Joe Adams states they plan is to have this completed by the Fall Festival. They are installing stamped concrete to look like a barn floor. It will take a couple weeks to get the roof as it’s been custom made for this band shell.
   3. Grants
      1. EAB grant has been approved. Will be getting reimbursed for $26,000. This should balance out the tree budget.
      2. Joe Adams states we should be hearing shortly about the pollinator for Goat Island.
      3. CEDA is looking into grants for benches downtown.
   4. Riverside Park
      1. Marigold Days was a success. Clean up went really well.
   5. Campground
      1. Steady campers. Campground due to shut down 10/15 weather permitting.
      2. Took out a big ash tree.
      3. Jason has a hackberry that Joe Adams is wanting to get planted. He would like to move forward purchasing this tree with the EAD grant reimbursement money.
         1. Passed 5 yay / 0 nay
   6. Bergmann Park – Nothing New
   7. Slingerland Park
      1. Pickelball is still moving forward.
   8. Mantor Field
      1. Field has been repaired. It has been sprayed, disked, plowed. Tomorrow they are coming in with a plainer to confirm field is level. It should come out really nice and they are currently still on budget.
   9. K-M Dog Park – Nothing New
   10. Denneson Field
       1. Parking lot will start being built on Thursday. Local resident has been in communication with Joe and has approved work Joe has planned.
   11. Community Gardens – Nothing New
   12. Community Tree Management
       1. Trees are doing well around town. There are a couple small ash trees that Joe will need to remove but they are small enough for Joe and Wade to remove.
3. **Next board meeting is 6:30pm Tuesday November 26, 2024.**
4. **Joint Venture Updates:**
   1. Next meeting October 10th.
5. **City Staff Updates/Reports:**
6. **Adjourn** – Member Matt Wohlenhaus motioned to adjourn. Member Henry Blair seconded.

**Passed 5 yay / 0 nay**

**Adjourn at 7:01pm.**