

CITY OF HUDSON PARK BOARD MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 505 THIRD STREET  
JANUARY 7, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT Pat Casanova, Paul Deziel, Pam Brokaw, Dan Korum, Mike Kennedy, Karen Stankevitz

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Mroz, William Thorie, Luba Thorie, Deanne DeGraff, Ryan Brueske, Brent Heil, Andrea Hert, Dan and Maddy Haselman, Gail Myers, Kim Betty, Joyce and Dennis Drews, Nancy Langness, Ron Langness, Arvid Ledin, Larry Gerdon, Heidi Leeson, Dennis Lindgren, Therese Detman, Paul Anderson and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Casanova at 5:30 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES MOTION by Deziel, second by Brokaw to approve the December 10, 2019 Park Board meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT Mroz stated at the November Park Board meeting the Hudson Community Pickleball Association (HCPA) presented a proposal for pickleball courts at Anderson Park. Noted the proposal included a donation by Paul Anderson. The overall Park Board recommended approval of the proposed plan and forwarded the recommendation to the full Council.

Mroz stated at the meeting of the Common Council Alderperson Morrisette requested that informational letters and an open house be scheduled with adjacent residents of Anderson Park to gather feedback on the proposed pickleball courts.

Mroz stated the open house was held earlier this evening. Staff gave a brief presentation and opened up the floor to comments from the attendees. The issues included the use of the only remaining green space at the park, increased traffic volumes, parking, added noise and the loss of the neighborhood feel. It was also mentioned that the new development off Mayer Road may impact the park.

Casanova commented on the overall expression by the neighbors as being negative to the construction of pickleball courts at Anderson Park. He agreed this may be a short-term solution for the HCPA verses long term.

Deziel thanked the public for attending the informational meeting and providing input. He recommended the "neighborhood concept" be clearer defined in the future Outdoor Recreation Plan. He suggested the Board review availability at Grandview Park or other parks for permanent pickleball courts.

Casanova noted the funding for pickleball courts at Grandview Park has not been designated in the capital improvement plan. Deanne DeGraff stated the HCPA has been waiting for the city to commit to the project prior to fundraising efforts. She noted the Hudson Hospital Foundation plans to donate \$10,000. Mr. Anderson declined to put funds towards pickleball courts anywhere except Anderson Park.

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Kennedy commented on long range maintenance of the courts, parking issues and increased traffic and safety. Mroz commented on the need to improve parking at Anderson Park.

Mroz stated a meeting with HCPA will be scheduled and an update will be added to the next Park Board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mroz recommended the Outdoor Recreation Plan be reviewed at the next meeting

Mroz stated the ice rink at Burton has not opened this season due to weather conditions.

MOTION by Deziel, second by Brokaw to adjourn the meeting. 5:59 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by,  
Deb Andrews

