

**Meeting Minutes
New Prague Park Board
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:00 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Amanda Judd. Members present were Maggie Bass, Joe Barten, and Anthony Anderson. Absent was Steve Roesner (arrived at 6:03 PM). Staff present was Ken Ondich – Planning / Community Development Director.

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Barten, seconded by Anderson, to approve the October 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0, Roesner had not yet arrived).

3. Review Financial Reports

Planning Director Ondich presented the financial reports to the Park Board noting that during the month of October there was \$3,726.56 added to the Park Equipment Fund from 9 new home permits being issued and that a total of 37 new home permits had been issued so far in 2020.

A motion was made by Barten, seconded by Roesner, to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried (5-0).

4. Application to Rename Foundry Hill Park Woods Nature Exploration area to Tietz Trail-Woods Natura Exploration Area

Planning Director Ondich stated that City Staff received an application to rename the “woods” area in Foundry Hill Park. He stated that per the City’s adopted “Public Park and Facility Naming Policy”, the Park Board is responsible for recommending the naming and renaming of park and recreational facilities subject to the approval of the City Council. He noted that in the case of the request at hand, the request would fall under the “Other Naming Alternatives” category as the request is being made to rename a geographical feature in a park, specifically the “Foundry Hill Park Woods Nature Exploration Area” to become “Tietz Trail – Woods Nature Exploration Area”. He stated that City Staff believes that the geographic area renaming after the Tietz family is appropriate based on the land having been located on the former Tietz Farm Property and because of the outstanding services for the good of the community that Dan and Sharon Tietz also provided to the community as outlined in the application. He stated that the renaming of the geographic feature would require the updating of the sign that is located at the entrance to the woods area and would be expected to cost about \$150 to update which could be paid from the remaining 2020 Park Board Budget funds. He stated that he recommended that the Park Board consider the request to rename the wooded area in Foundry Hill Park to Tietz Trail – Woods Nature Exploration Area or something similar, and to forward a recommendation to the City Council for their final consideration.

Chair Judd stated that she felt the name the applicants suggested could be modified to Tietz Woods Nature Exploration area and trail the word trail.

Anthony Anderson stated that he agreed that Tietz Woods would be more agreeable to him and asked the sign could be left as it is and maybe a plaque or some other addition to the sign be made that would say Tietz Woods on it.

The Park Board suggested that the applicants could additionally pay for a plaque to add to the sign that could provide further historical background on Dan and Sharon Tietz.

Joe Barten stated that the sign would need to be modified as the name of the area would be changing and that he felt the word woods was not needed in the name and instead suggested it simply be Tietz Nature Exploration Area with a modification to the top of the sign wording.

A motion was made by Barten, seconded by Anderson, to recommend that the City Council rename the wooded area in Foundry Hill Park from “Foundry Hill Park Woods Nature Exploration Area” to “Tietz Nature Exploration Area”. Motion carried (5-0).

5. Miscellaneous

- a. **Trail Maps Review** – Planning Director Ondich stated that he had included as information various trail maps showing the proposed trail network, existing conditions and construction and maintenance dates.
- b. **2022-2026 Project Plan Discussion** – Planning Director Ondich stated that he attached the 2022 – 2026 Project Plan as updated following the October Meeting.
- c. **2020 Park Board Budget Project Update**– Planning Director Ondich stated that he had included pictures of the progress on the picnic shelter in Heritage Park, the zip line in Memorial Park and the new Veteran’s Memorial.
- d. **Fitness and Aquatic Center Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that he attached the monthly updated to the packet as information. The Park Board discussed the memberships on hold and the ability of non-members to get e-mail updates about what is happening at the facility as a marketing tool.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM by order of Chair Judd.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ken Ondich
Planning / Community Development Director