

**Meeting Minutes  
New Prague Park Board  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
5:00 PM**

**1. Annual Park Tour**

The Park Board visited Southside Park, Settlers Park and Northside Park for their annual park tour between 5PM and 6PM. Staff present for the tour was Ken Ondich – Planning / Community Development Director, Matt Rynda – Public Works Director and Jim Calliguri – Parks Maintenance Supervisor.

**2. Call Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at City Hall at 6:15 PM by Chair Amanda Judd. Members present were Joe Barten, Vice Chair Anthony Anderson and Maggie Bass. All members were present. Staff present was Ken Ondich – Planning / Community Development Director and Matt Rynda – Public Works Director.

**3. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Barten, seconded by Anderson, to approve the April 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0).

**4. Review Financial Reports**

Planning Director Ondich presented the financial reports to the Park Board noting that during the month of April there was \$1,172.16 added to the Park Equipment Fund from 2 new home permits being issued and that a total of 9 new home permits had been issued so far in 2021.

A motion was made by Barten, seconded by Anderson to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

**5. Czech Out New Prague – August 5, 2021**

Planning Director Ondich stated that the Chamber of Commerce is proposing their annual Czech Out New Prague Event in Memorial Park on Thursday August 5th. He stated that staff recommends approval with the conditions listed in the staff report which matches with past events, including a condition related to any potential Covid-19 related matters while noting that it appears at this time that outdoor events will not be subject to any restrictions for the event in August.

A motion was made by Bass, seconded by Anderson, to recommend that the City Council approve the event for Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with the conditions listed. Motion carried (4-0).

Joe Barten suggested that the Park Board could be more involved in the event. Planning Director Ondich noted that the City has had booths for utilities and the Main Street project in the past and suggested that the Park Board could have a booth if interested as well. Mr. Barten suggested that an event like a “Movie in the Park” after the other festivities is an idea he had thought about. Planning Director Ondich stated that there are fees related to showing movies on a larger scale like this but that he would ask the Chamber for their thoughts on something like a movie in the park being added at the event in some capacity.

## **6. Dog Park Discussion – Review Survey Questions**

Planning Director Ondich stated that at the Park Board Meeting on April 13, 2021, the Park Board passed a motion to have City Staff complete further research on the development of a dog park and to draft survey questions for review at the May meeting. He stated that he drafted survey questions that could be put out to the public later this summer following the Park Board’s review. He also noted that he had updated the cost estimate to develop the dog park at Sliding Hill Skate Park which would be \$46,050 with an estimated annual maintenance cost of near \$4,000.

Maggie Bass stated that she wants to see more skin in the game from residents that are interested in a dog park such as in fundraising or organizing.

Amanda Judd stated that she would like to see input from the survey to get some baseline data from residents.

Joe Barten noted that he does not have a dog but would be interested in gathering the input.

The Park Board members will review the drafted survey questions before the next Park Board Meeting in May and try to pare down the questions to closer to 10 questions and also work on having the survey be all online to save on resources.

## **7. Miscellaneous**

- a. Last Meeting for Amanda Judd** – Planning Director Ondich note that tonight’s meeting would be Amanda Judd’s last meeting and thanked her for her service.
- b. 2022-2026 Project Plan** – Planning Director Ondich stated that attached is the 2022 to 2026 Project Plan as updated following the last Park Board Meeting and that no formal action was needed at this time.
- c. Fitness and Aquatic Center Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that included in the packet was a monthly update for the Fitness and Aquatic Center.
- d. Steve Roesner Resignation** – Planning Director Ondich stated that included in the packet was a resignation letter from Steve Roesner.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM by order of Chair Judd.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Ondich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "O" and a distinct "Ken" at the beginning.

Ken Ondich  
Planning / Community Development Director