

**Meeting Minutes  
New Prague Park Board  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
6:00 PM**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at City Hall at 6:00 PM by Chair Joe Barten. Members present were Brian Molitor, Al Hansen, Matt Becka, Maggie Bass, Jessica Dohm, and Christine Wolf. Staff present was Ken Ondich – Planning / Community Development Director and Kyra Chapman – City Planner.

**2. Introduce New Member and Staff: Christine Wolf and Kyra Chapman**

The Park Board members welcomed Christine Wolf as a new member to the Park Board. Kyra Chapman was also welcomed as staff.

**3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2022/2023**

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Becka, to elect Joe Barten as Chair for 2022/2023. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Molitor, seconded by Hansen, to elect Brian Molitor as Vice Chair for 2022/2023. Motion carried (7-0).

**4. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Molitor, to approve the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried (7-0).

**5. Review Financial Reports**

Planning Director Ondich presented the financial reports to the Park Board on the Revenue Budget for 2022. Aluminum picnic tables and the drinking fountain noted as expenditures in May. Planning Director Ondich mentioned that the bills for the Southside Park drinking fountain project will arrive sometime in July. The Northside Park court refurbishment (half earmark), drinking fountain, and the splash pad feasibility study were noted as future expenses previously approved by the Park Board.

A motion was made by Becka, seconded by Hansen to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried (7-0).

**6. Park Board Tour Follow-Up**

Planning Director Ondich discussed the following items from the Park Board Tour:

- Items discussed at Memorial Park were: consideration for installing more benches and at other parks. Better delineation of the park boundary, funding for the storage shed for the New Prague Area Historical Society, volleyball area, picnic shelters, emerald ash borer hindering ash trees, and potential outdoor performance facility.
- Items discussed at Heritage Park were: having playground amenities for older children, reducing the speed of vehicles, park users crossing mid-block, consideration for a flat storm cover, and better delineation of the park boundary.
- Items discussed at Sliding Hill Skate Park were: cracks in the bituminous trail, an opportunity to build an outdoor performance facility on the site, the possibility of a dog park on the site and the need for a sanitary sewer.

Planning Director Ondich noted that he spoke with Jim Calliguri Parks Maintenance Supervisor, and Matt Rynda, Public Works Director to discuss the items from the list above.

- Memorial Park: In the meeting, the addition of picnic tables and concrete were discussed. The removal of the horseshoe pits and the replacement for concrete “bags” game instead. They discussed the possibility of honoring Roman Seurer for running the softball leagues in New Prague.
- Heritage Park: They discussed the relocation of the property line to the residential home. They also believed that the storm line cover should remain as a “beehive” to stop clogging.
- Sliding Hill Skate Park: They discussed the possibility to replace the vandalized rules sign with a new sign.

Planning Director Ondich stated that the items would continue to be discussed at the July Park Board meeting when the 2022 budget process continues.

## 7. Miscellaneous

- 2022 Project Updates** – Planning Director Ondich stated that it’s anticipated that the drinking fountain at Southside Park should be finished by Mid-July. He also noted that the splash pad feasibility study project has not yet moved forward while the splash pad group further organizes.
- Central Plaza Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that most of the completion of Central Plaza will be finished by July 11<sup>th</sup> but that due to the shortage of benches and planters, these amenities won’t be added until a later date.

- c. **Fitness and Aquatics Center Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that included in the packet was the update provided to the Joint Powers Board at their May meeting. This update is provided for informational purposes only.
- d. **Dog Park Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that city staff has continued discussions with the resident group that formed to keep the idea of a dog park moving forward. He stated that the group suggests that the dog park should be located by the pond at the Wastewater Treatment Plant site and that a meeting is being set up between staff and the group.
- e. **Park Board Clean Up Event** – Planning Director Ondich stated that the Park Board Clean Up event is scheduled for Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am and that members can meet at 8am at the Brana in Greenway Park.
- f. **Move July Park Board to July 19<sup>th</sup>** – Planning Director Ondich stated that he is unable to meet at the scheduled meeting date of July 12<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested to move the July Park Board Meeting to July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Park Board agreed to this date change.
- g. **Bohemia Crossing** — Becka stated a concern for vehicles speeding and not stopping at Bohemia Crossing. He mentioned that ATVs drive too fast by Heritage Park and to mitigate the issue, flashing pedestrian signs and colorized paths were suggested. A painted path could help direct people in the right way specially to get to Heritage Park.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM by order of Chair Barten.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyra Chapman



City Planner