

**Meeting Minutes
New Prague Park Board
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
6:00 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Amanda Judd. Members present were Caitlin Huiras, Maggie Bass, Steve Roesner, and Joe Barten. Absent were Anthony Anderson, Margaret Solheid and Youth Representative Adam Langfield. Staff present was Ken Ondich – Planning / Community Development Director.

2. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2020/2021

A motion was made by Roesner, seconded by Huiras, to elect Amanda Judd as Chair for 2020/2021 and to elect Anthony Anderson as Vice Chair for 2020/2021. Motion carried (5-0).

3. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bass, seconded by Roesner, to approve the May 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0-1, Barten abstained).

4. Review Financial Reports

Planning Director Ondich presented the financial reports to the Park Board noting that during the month of May there was \$420.52 added to the Park Equipment Fund from 1 new home permit being issued and that a total of 10 new home permits had been issued so far in 2020.

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

5. Czech Out New Prague Event in Memorial Park – Thursday August 6th, 2020

Planning Director Ondich stated that the Chamber of Commerce is proposing their fifth annual Czech Out New Prague Event in Memorial Park on Thursday August 6th. He stated that staff recommends approval with the conditions listed in the staff report which match what was approved for the 2019 event. He stated that the event may not occur due to Covid-19 restrictions, but the Chamber wanted to be ready for the event in case guidelines open up allowing the event to occur.

Park Board discussion led to the addition of condition #14 which would require the event to comply with current and future executive orders issued by the governor.

A motion was made by Roesner, seconded by Huiras, to recommend that the City Council approve the event for Thursday, August 6th with the conditions listed, including added condition #14. Motion carried (5-0).

Motion carried (5-0).

6. Miscellaneous

- a. **2020 Park Board Budget Project Update**– Planning Director Ondich stated that the City Council approved the Zip Line project at their meeting in June 1, 2020 and that it is anticipated to be installed in July. He also stated that the picnic shelter at Heritage Park is currently out for bids and that once the bids are back, staff will review them and forward to the Park Board for recommendation to the City Council on awarding the project to a contractor.
- b. **Fitness and Aquatic Center Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that the May 2020 update for the Fitness and Aquatic Center was provided in the packet. He stated that since the packet was sent out, that the governor’s new executive order allowed fitness centers and pools to open with restrictions and that the Fitness and Aquatics Center will be re-opening on June 15, 2020 with the guidelines put into place for 25% capacity in fitness centers and 50% capacity in pools. The Park Board asked if they would offer yoga in the park this summer or allow non-members to participate in fitness classes outdoors. Maggie Bass stated that she would ask Janelle Kirsch at the School for answers to those questions. The Park Board also wondered why day passes for non-members would not be available at this time.
- c. **Covid-19 Update** – Planning Director Ondich stated that the Playground and Picnic Shelter areas at parks opened on May 15th with signage recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities. He stated that the City also opened up the ballfields effective May 22nd for practice only with groups of up to 10 per the DNR Outdoor Recreation Guidelines. He stated that some youth teams have resumed practices; however, the men’s summer softball season was cancelled by Romy Seurer, but he said they are considering a fall league instead. He stated that new guidelines are expected to be issued on June 10th regarding outdoor recreation.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31PM 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 "K" and "O".

Ken Ondich
Planning / Community Development Director