

**City of Mora, MN  
PARK BOARD  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 11, 2022**

Present: Steven Holcombe, Sam Pioske, Kyle Shepard  
Absent: Curt Sammann  
Staff Present: Joe Kohlgraf, Jeff Krie,  
Others Present: None


1. Call to Order. Chair Pioske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Steven Holcombe – present  
Sam Pioske – present  
Curt Sammann – absent  
Kyle Sheppard – present
3. Adopt Agenda. Motion by Shepard, second by Holcombe to adopt the January 11, 2021 meeting agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Minutes. Motion by Sheppard, second by Holcombe to approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Public Hearing. The City of Mora is establishing a neighborhood park in the Fox Run area. The two parcels on Nelson Ave have been dedicated for the use of park space and must be used as such. Tonight, the Park Board is holding a public hearing to receive resident comments. We had one person who showed up and he wanted to address the Park Board about the Fox Run Park. Stuart Johnson lives east of the two parcels and brought up some concerns he had. Johnson asked if a fence could be considered 6' or preferably 8' between his house and the park. Also suggested a fence to be on the south side of the park due to a drainage pond that sometimes fills up with water after snow melt or heavy rain. His concern would be of children wandering down in that pond area. Johnsons last suggestion would be for the City to consider sidewalks to and from the park along Nelson, Bluebird, and Jewel Avenue. Concerns were also brought up about the traffic and parking in Nelson Avenue. The board shared that the fencing issues and parking were discussed and are addressed in the layout. Kohlgraf went over the layout of the park, the amenities, and the history of the land and why it was designated for a park. Kohlgraf also discussed issues with the sidewalk from prior developers and if a need was there for sidewalks that the City would have to look at it in the future. Johnson had no other issues with the park and the board thanked Mr. Johnson for coming to the open forum and sharing his concerns. With no other issues to discuss and no other persons at the open forum, Pioske closed the open forum at 6:20pm.


6. JC Ballfields. Pioske shared concerns on school athletic activities with parking or lack of near the baseball fields that could overflow into JC Ballfields and cause issues with use of those fields. Kohlgraf shared that the City has been in contact with the school on the fields and usage and will address with the school any issues as they arise.

7. Reports.

- a. Kohlgraf: Trails continue to be cleared of snow by JC Fields, Grove to Forest, Dog Park trails, and History Center trails.
- b. Krie: Music in the Park, bands have committed, and grant has been submitted for review. Final grant date is February 1, 2022. Working on Fox Run Park grant. Looking at MAC
- c. Sheppard: Nothing to report.
- d. Sammann: Nothing to report.
- e. Pioske: Dog Park concerns from people but seem to be addressed. In need of a Park Board member as Holland did not renew.

8. Adjournment. Motion by Sheppard, second by Holcombe to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
Sam Pioske, Chair

  
Jeff Krie, Secretary