

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

May 9, 2023

Present: Steven Holcombe, Alison Holland, Sam Pioske, Curt Sammann, Kyle Shepard
Absent: None
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. All present.
3. Adopt Agenda. Motion by Holland, second by Shepard to adopt the May 9, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Minutes. Motion by Shepard, second by Holcombe to approve the April 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Open Forum. No one showed up to speak at the open forum.
6. Trees. Krie share with the board that the city received a request to see if the Park Board and the city would be interested in funding and planting fruit bearing trees/shrubs in the city parks or trails. Krie and Sheppard also shared questions that were brought up regarding this request. Board had a good discussion on the subject and discussed tree/shrub options. Sammann felt it would help community appeal for marketing. Sheppard shared he found a couple grants that might be available to help with cost. Kohlgraf shared that he does not have an arborist on his staff for proper care but could investigate this for training options. Sammann asked if this could be an opportunity for a summer youth program. Kohlgraf also shared that staff could look into budgets to see if a seasonal employee could be hired on to take care of this program and other with the possibility of having flower baskets downtown main street and or to help with upkeep of other areas of parks. Holland suggested the priority to be replanting of any trees that are cut down in our parks before this program. The board discussed options on where to acquire trees. The board unanimously agreed that staff should look into further details and the hope is to go forward with this project pending funds available.
7. Fall Fest. Krie shared with the board the Event Detail sheet and what changes have occurred. Krie also shared with board some activities that are available for rental and aske them to discuss at the next meeting. Pioske asked if some items could be purchased instead of rental to help with future cost. Krie shared he could look at those options. Sheppard shared he would like to see more games than one large activity like the moon walk. Sheppard asked what is required of sponsors. Krie shared that it varies on sponsorship, some supply everything and some the city supplies the activity and needs the sponsors to provide volunteers and prizes for the activity.

Discussion turned to if sponsors want to fundraise or raffles. Kohlgraf shared that this could be investigated for clarification.

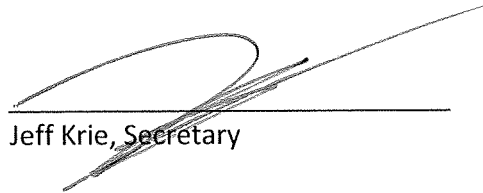
8. Reports.

- a. Kohlgraf: Parks are open, and mowing will start. Water line will be looked at to install at the dog park, possible streetlight this year. Looking at garage to see if there are some items that could be taken down to the dog park for activities for dogs. Maintenance on trails, look at budget for seal coating. Park inspections are taking place. Responded to Sheppard, summer help starts in June. Lions park bathrooms could be open in the next week or two. Put a portable potty put at JC Ballfields and the Library Park will have one soon.
- b. Krie: Getting MAC ready for the upcoming season, staffing looks good. Music in the Park grant can start May 15.
- c. Sammann: Some holes at the Dog Park if they could be filled. Any status on Fox Run Grant.
- d. Holland: None
- e. Pioske: None
- f. Holcombe: None
- g. Sheppard: When does summer help start? Heard many positives on parks and trails.

9. Adjournment. Motion by Sheppard, second by Holcombe to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Sam Pioske, Chair



Jeff Krie, Secretary

Steven Holcombe, Vice Chair