

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

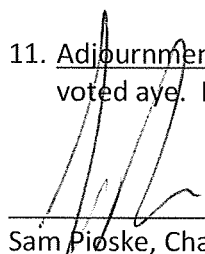
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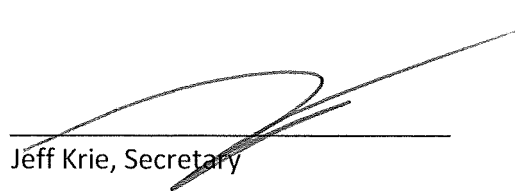
Present: Steven Holcombe, Sam Pioske, Kyle Shepard
Absent: Allison Holland, Curt Sammann
Staff Present: Joe Kohlgraf, Jeff Krie, Glenn Anderson
Others Present: Sally Ahlgren, Mary Berry, Ted Maher, Janet Severson, Jamie Voelk

1. Call to Order. Chair Pioske called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. Roll Call. All present with the exception of Holland and Sammann
3. Adopt Agenda. Motion by Shepard, second by Holcombe to adopt the November 1, 2022 meeting agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Minutes. Motion by Shepard, second by Holcombe to approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Open Forum. No one showed up to speak at the open forum.
6. Pickleball. Jamie Voelk, Sally Ahlgren, Mary Berry, Ted Maher, and Janet Severson from the Pickleball group was present to ask the Park Board to consider making more room for Pickleball courts. A good discussion with the park board and the pickleball group ensued with lots of questions and ideas shared between the two groups. The pickleball group would like to see the tennis court expanded to four courts or more courts built as the group stated pickleball is becoming very popular in Mora and surrounding communities. Court time is hard to come by with only two pickleball courts. Many communities have expanded courts and drawn in players from different areas and feel that Mora should take advantage of bringing more people into the community if we had more courts to play. Mary Berry also wanted to thank the board and staff for the resurfacing of the tennis court and the pickleball courts. Sally Ahlgren also shared her thanks for all that has been done for pickleball. Jamie Voelk wanted to review the estimated cost of redoing the courts at Library Park to only pickleball or the cost of building a new court. Voelk shared they have already been receiving pledges for the pickleball group and was also curious how donations for pickleball would work with the city. Also, Voelk wanted to see if the nets could be checked out at the Library or install a lock box at Library Park for nets to be secured. Kohlgraf stated that the Library employees are not city employees. But that the pickleball group could check with the Library to see if they have any programs for net rental. The Park Board shared they are in favor of expanding pickleball but not at the expense of the tennis court. Sunrise park was suggested as an alternate. Berry asked if parking would be an issue at Sunrise Park. The pickleball group asked if tennis could be played at the school opening the court at Library Park for only pickleball. It was also asked if the tennis court could be moved down to Sunrise Park or if JC Ballfields was an option for courts.

Funding was discussed by both groups with questions and ideas. Shepard shared how the dog park became about and how funding worked for that group. It was suggested by the board that the group should put a game plan together with as much information as they can and what their main preference is for expanded courts and bring that back to the park board. Anderson shared that if questions arose to please reach out to staff, the board members or council members with any questions. The next step if approved by the park board then it could be brought to council. Overall a good discussion by all and will be further discussed at future meetings.

7. Fall Fest. The board discussed a few changes that may need to be made for the 2023 season. Holcombe shared that either we do away with the bounce house or come up with better plan for safety. All agreed the BBQ cookoff went well. Krie shared to see if we could get better location for the hockey shoot and bean bag toss or how to utilize the tennis court area. The board discussed what alcohol policy is in parks and what image we want to present. All agreed the event was a huge success.
8. Music in the Park. Krie shared the survey results with the Park Board for the 2022 Music in the Park Season. The board had a discussion and Krie asked the board that any recommendations for bands to please let him know.
9. Meeting Schedule. Krie shared the 2023 Park Board Meeting Schedule and asked for any changes or the board's approval. Motion was made by Sheppard to approve the 2023 Park Board Meeting Schedule, second by Holcombe. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
10. Reports.
 - a. Holcombe: No reports.
 - b. Pioske: No reports.
 - c. Sheppard: No reports
 - d. Kohlgraf: Cleaning up parks and doing repairs. Parks are done for season the most part and will be winterizing.
 - e. Krie: Music in the Park was a finalist for Best Outside Event. A group requested a book drop at the Dala Horse, but no other contact has been made since initial request. Terms for Sammann and Holcombe are coming due on December 31, 2022.
11. Adjournment. Motion by Sheppard, second by Holcombe to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.



Sam Pioske, Chair

Jeff Krie, Secretary