

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

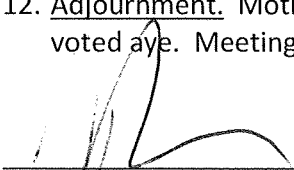
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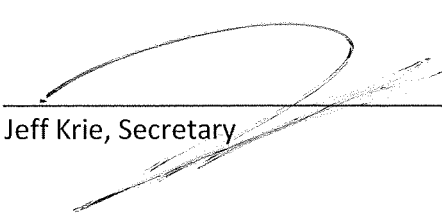
Present: Steven Holcombe, Alison Holland, Sam Pioske, Kyle Shepard
Absent: Curt Sammann
Staff Present: Joe Kohlgraf , Jeff Krie, Glenn Anderson

1. Call to Order. Chair Pioske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call. All present except Curt Sammann
3. Adopt Agenda. Motion by Shepard, second by Holland to adopt the November 14, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Minutes. Motion by Holland, second by Shepard to approve the September 12, 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. Pickleball/Tennis Court Resurfacing. Kohlgraf shared with the board the bid he received on the Pickleball/Tennis Court to resurface the courts. The courts are in need of resurfacing and at this point the money is in the budget to complete the project in 2024. Kohlgraf stated it was not much more money to add two additional courts pickleball courts to the existing tennis court which would bring the pickleball courts to four. An additional pickleball court will be added to the basketball court. Holcombe asked if some of the expense could be shared by the pickleball group. Staff said they would share that request with the group. Krie also shared he is trying for a grant to help offset cost.
7. Fall Fest. Krie shared information on Fall Fest and asked the Park Board their thoughts on 2023 Fall Fest and asked the board on what date they would like to have Fall Fest in 2024. The board was in agreement that it was very successful. A discussion on some better controls on some of the activities to help with safety and some minor details to help with the event to run smoother. Sheppard suggested to see if we could get the Sherriff reserves to help monitor Fall Fest. Krie said he would follow up on that request. Suggestion was presented to have the pumpkin painting by the gazebo as this is a sitting activity and people could listen to the band. A motion was made to have Fall Fest on September 14, 2023 by Sheppard. It was second by Holcombe. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
8. Fox Run Playground. Krie shared with the board to revisit Fox Run Playground as the grant will be coming soon. Suggestions were made to maybe add one or two ADA play features if they could be incorporated in the design. Holland asked if at least a Wheelchair Swing play feature could be added. Kohlgraf suggested to look at the distance required of current play features for

safety. Krie will bring this back up in the next Park Board Meeting to discuss further and report findings.

9. Music in the Park. Krie shared the survey results from the 2023 Music in the Park season. Krie reviewed a wish list of bands that he is looking at for the 2024 season. Food trucks were brought up by Sheppard and Krie reported that he will investigate it. Holcombe suggested a group that might be a good fit for Mora's Music in the Park and Krie asked Holcombe to have them contact Krie. As it is always nice to promote local musical talent.
10. 2024 Park Board Meeting Schedule. Krie shared the Park Board meeting schedule for the upcoming 2024 year. Sheppard made a motion to adopt the 2024 Park Board Meeting Schedule. Holcombe second the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
11. Reports.
 - a. Kohlgraf: Wrapping up parks for the season. Need to do cleanup at Peterson Park. Trails for the winter will be open to the dog park. Other trails will be evaluated.
 - b. Krie: Research grants for city projects and working with Kohlgraf and Faurie on possible projects. Review other playgrounds and talking to other cities. Dala Dazzle/Small Business Saturday event is November 25, 2023.
 - c. Sheppard: Could the city look at the corn hole toss cement boards and look at the possibility be put at Sunrise Park. Otherwise, lots of positives on parks and trails.
 - d. Holcombe: None
 - e. Pioske: None
 - f. Holland: None
12. Adjournment. Motion by Sheppard , second by Holcombe to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Sam Pioske, Chair

Jeff Krie, Secretary