

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

September 12, 2023

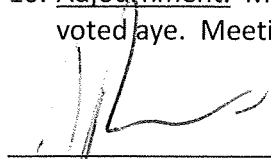
Present: Steven Holcombe, Alison Holland, Sam Pioske Curt Sammann, Kyle Shepard
Absent: None
Staff Present: Joe Kohlgraf, Jeff Krie, Glenn Anderson

1. Call to Order. Chair Pioske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call. All present.
3. Adopt Agenda. Motion by Shepard, second by Holcombe to adopt the September 12, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Minutes. Motion by Holcombe, second by Shepard to approve the August 8, 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 Group. On November 1, 2022, the Pickleball group attended the Park Board Meeting to talk to the Park Board members about the increased popularity of pickleball and the need for more courts. The discussions was tabled with the board asking the group to come up with a possible plan. Today at the meeting Sally Ahlgren along with five others from the Pickel Ball group presented a plan. The group asked about the possibility of a lock box for equipment at Library Park and to see if the city has money to purchase one. Concerns by the Park Board were brought up on policing or security of the box. The pickleball group did not see it being an issue. Next, the pickleball group submitted a proposal to create four and possibly five pickleball courts at the current location at Library Park on the tennis court which now has two pickleball courts. The possibility of the fifth pickleball court would share with the basketball court. The group shared that the sport is still very popular and the demand for court usage is high. The pickleball groups plan to make four courts instead of two on the current surface of the tennis court, the court would have to be resurfaced and lines repainted. Then if possible, the basketball court to complete the fifth court. The group would volunteer their services for resurfacing and painting the new lines on the court if money was not available for a professional service which would reduce cost of the project. A good discussion ensued, and the park board felt this was a good plan and asked Public Works director Kohlgraf to get a bid on what the cost might be to make this change either professionally or to see if this is something that could be done by volunteers. The group asked if the park board has money for this project. Sheppard shared funds are not available at this time and shared how the dog park was made possible. The group also asked if grants are available. The group also had concerns of sharing the courts if an updated sign could be made and be available for all groups to sign up for usage to help with any conflicts. The group also asked the board to look at maybe having the addition of gates to help with geese and

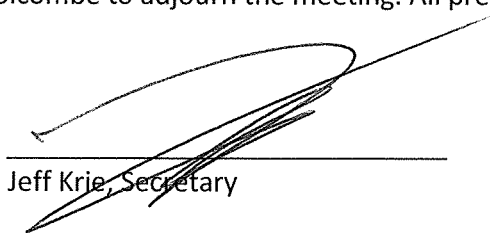
other issues plus any availability of lights around the court. The pickleball group thanked the park board for their time. Krie stated once he received the financial information and recommendation from Kohlgraf he would investigate into grants for the project and share information with the Park Board and Ahlgren.

7. Obelisk. Krie shared with the board a request from Angela Nistler for her concerns on the plaque condition of the Obelisk Memorial and if the City would be interested in possibly moving the Obelisk from its current location to a different location. Nistler feels that the current location has become cluttered with new businesses and the Obelisk is lost. Krie shared a poster from Nistler and its history. Krie shared that the plaque is no longer readable in its current condition. Krie asked the board to discuss Nistler concerns and if this were something the board would recommend. The board had a good discussion on whether to redo the plaque as is, to update the plaque verbiage, and if the memorial could even be moved. Sheppard asked if the plaque verbiage needed to be the same? Possible locations were discussed if that was a route the board decided to take. Kohlgraf stated he would look at if the Obelisk could possibly be moved without issues. Holland asked on cost of the plaque replacement. Kohlgraf responded that he would investigate the cost of the plaque. Kohlgraf also shared the Hwy 65 corridor study and not sure what exactly would be happening to that area. The board tabled the request to give Kohlgraf a chance to look at cost of replacing plaque and if moving the Obelisk is even an option with or without hiring out.
8. Fall Fest. Krie shared with the board the updated Event Detail sheet and what changes have occurred. Krie shared that at this point there are nine teams for the BBQ cookout and that one of the food trucks has yet to turn in its paperwork. Set up time was discussed. Krie also shared that Neighborhood National Bank has five volunteers for the event and the two volunteers Krie had prior have now come up with a conflict so will be unable to attend. Krie asked the board to continue to search out help.
9. Reports.
 - a. Kohlgraf: Put a couple of culverts at that Dog Park asked for other ideas for amenities. Continue to work on a time frame to get water to the dog park. Try to address shade issues at the park. Trail Lighting repaired.
 - b. Krie: Working on closing the MAC with some painting and caulking to do. Some minor repairs that will be done this fall or next spring. Will catch up with Elizabethe Marsh on accessibility playground. Finalizing Music in the Park grant.
 - c. Sammann: Thanked Kohlgraf with helping with amenities and update on the dog park. Also it was brought to his attention that a dog had Coccidia and was at the mora dog park and awareness should be brought up.
 - d. Holland: Kirsten looking at grant resources for trees. Thanked Joe and his staff for the clean-up.
 - e. Holcombe: None
 - f. Pioske: Could a picnic table be put at the skating park.
 - g. Sheppard: Dog Park lots of positive remarks on the culverts. Approached again about trees down trails. Reminded the Park Board that it is the committee for the pool and keep on the mind. Asked about park by Edgewood Lane.
 - h. Anderson: Shared some information on pools and contractors.

10. 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

