



City of Mora
Kanabec County, Minnesota
Meeting Agenda
Park Board

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Mora, MN 55051

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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2. Roll Call
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4. Minutes
5. Open Forum
6. Pickleball
7. Obelisk
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1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call. Alison Holland, Steven Holcombe, Sam Pioske, Curt Sammann and Kyle Shepard.
3. Adopt Agenda. *(No item of business shall be considered unless it appears on the agenda for the meeting. Board members may add items to the agenda prior to adoption of the agenda.)*
4. Minutes. See attached minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting.
5. Open Forum. *(Individuals may address the park board about any item not contained on the regular agenda. There is a maximum of (15) minutes set aside for open forum. A maximum of (3) minutes is allotted per person. The Park Board will take no official action on the items discussed at the forum, with the exception of referral to staff for future report.)*
6. Pickleball. The Pickleball group would like to update the board.
7. Obelisk. Angel Nistler was wondering if the Obelisk at any point would be considered for relocation due to Roddy Motors car dealership and Dollar General.
8. Fall Fest. The Park Board will update plans for 2023 Fall Fest.
9. Reports. *(Each board and staff member will be given the opportunity to share information.)*
10. Adjournment. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

August 8, 2023

Present: Steven Holcombe, Alison Holland, Sam Pioske Curt Sammons, Kyle Shepard
Absent: None
Staff Present: Joe Kohlgraf, Jeff Krie, Glenn Anderson
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 Shepard, second by Holcombe to adopt the August 8, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Minutes. Motion by Shepard, second by Holcombe to approve the July 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. Accessibility Playground. Elizabeth Marsh and her supporters were present at the Park Board meeting. Elizabeth Marsh addressed the park board about the need for a universally inclusive playground as none of the Parks in Mora have one. Marsh shared ways she has researched in helping with funding to address this issue. The question asked is whether there is room at Fox Run or if another location is needed. She shared what was the plan for Fox Run and the Board shared they would investigate Fox Run to see if this is an option. Krie shared he would reach out to Elizabeth Marsh to discuss further.
7. Fall Fest. Krie shared with the board the updated Event Detail sheet and what changes have occurred. Krie shared that an additional two food trucks have offered to appear at the event. He shared that unfortunately the Fire Department could not find any volunteers to be present at Fall Fest. The K9 from the Sheriffs Department would be at the event at some point. The vendor that supplies the games rented at Fall Fest will set up the games and tear them down for a fee. It was decided by Krie to move forward with this. The BBQ cookoff has 12 participants that have confirmed at this time. Krie also stated the event could use some volunteers to help with monitoring games. It was decided to discuss time frame for set up and placement of activities at the September meeting.
8. Reports.
 - a. Kohlgraf: Zip Line at Kids Kingdom vandalized, and a kid used it and got hurt. Catching up with mowing. Will get water at the dog park in the next 3 weeks. Staff is looking at a Street Light possibility at the dog park.

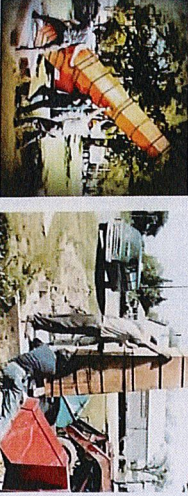
- b. Krie: MAC running well. Patron numbers are lower. Had a leak issue with a chem motor that Kohlgraf help fixed. Music in the Park had an issue and after talking with City Administrator Anderson and VanGordon from the sheriffs office, it was decided to add a officer at the remaining 4 concerts at Music in the Park.
 - c. Sammann: Thanked Kohlgraf with helping with amenities at the Dog Park. Thanked Elizabeth Marsh and supports for coming in and discussing the need for an accessibility playground.
 - d. Holland: None
 - e. Holcombe: None
 - f. Pioske: Could a picnic table be put at the skating park.
 - g. Sheppard: Parks running well and well used. Park Board is the committee for the pool.
 - h. Anderson: None
9. Adjournment. Motion by Sheppard, second by Holcombe to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Sam Pioske, Chair

Jeff Krie, Secretary

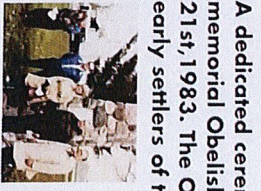


Native field stones gathered from many areas Kanabec County were used in the facing monument, with stonemasons Ron and Arlen Aderstrom donating the work. The slate was scribed by local calligraphy expert, Lone Osterhult.

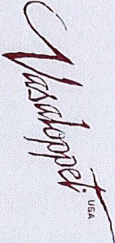


June, 1983, construction on the Obelisk started. It will be located in Vasaloppet Park. The monument contains in it's cap a "time capsule" containing many mementos of the place, and present life in Mora, MN. It bears plaque commemorating and honoring the early settlers of the Mora area, many of whom were from Sweden.

Sister City Obelisk

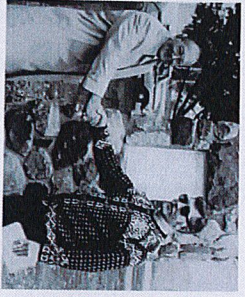


City officials in attendance at the dedication were Bob Filson, City Administrator, and Council members Vonnie Olson, Bernie Nordenstrom and Bob Nikodym.

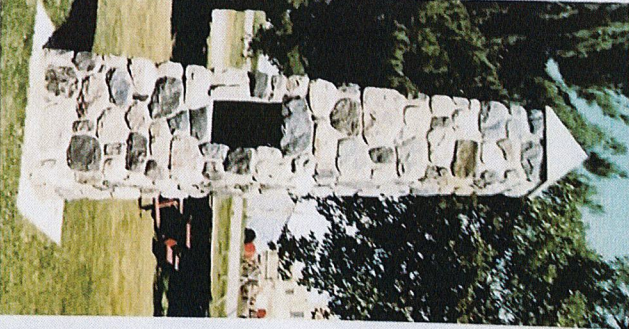


STONE MONUMENT DEDICATION HELD

At 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 11, 1983, a dedication ceremony was held for the stone monument to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota. The monument, which is a memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota, was dedicated by Mayor Bob Ardrer, City Administrator Bob Filson, and Council members Vonnie Olson, Bernie Nordenstrom, and Bob Nikodym. The monument is located in Vasaloppet Park and is a memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota. The monument is a stone obelisk and is a memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota. The monument is a stone obelisk and is a memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota.



A dedicated ceremony was held for the stone memorial Obelisk and erected in October 21st, 1983. The Obelisk is a memorial to the early settlers of the Mora area.



Mayor Bob Ardrer, left, and Vonnie Olson, right, accept the stone memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota, which is located in the Vasaloppet Park and is a memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota.

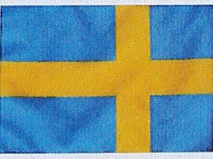
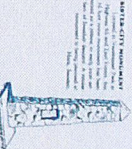


Mayor Bob Ardrer, left, accepts the Sister City Memorial to the early settlers of Mora, Minnesota, from Glen Johnstone, Vasaloppet President.

Memorial to our Forefathers

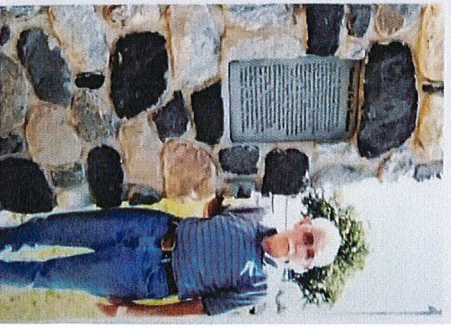
Memorial To Our Forefathers
In May, 1882, Myron B. Kent filed the first plat of the village of Mora. The railroad had not reached Mora, but had been surveyed and was under construction. On October 27th of that year a construction train, pulled by an old wood burner locomotive, was the first train to reach town. This was the short lived Hinckley branch of the Minneapolis and St. Cloud line. The road was officially opened for operation on December 4th, 1882. R.J. Williams, a brother of C.E. Williams was the first station agent. The first post office was opened on February 27th, 1883, with Myron B. Kent as postmaster. A local landowner, a settler who homesteaded near Lake Lake in 1879, suggested the name for the new village, that of Mora, his home town in Dalarna, Sweden situated on the shore of Lake Siljan. The name appealed to Mr. Kent so he requested the new town be named Mora.

He lost no time in starting the first building in town by constructing a log building located on North Lake Street. He sold this building to A.J. Canger, who completed it for a hotel opening for business on July 4th, 1882. The event was celebrated with a big dance. A building boom followed, and by 1888, the town boasted a courthouse, jail, school, two hotels, five stores, a lumber yard, five saloons and many residences.



Mora's sister city and namesake Mora, Sweden, known for being the finish of the Swedish Vasaloppet. They became sister cities in 1972.

In the early 2000's, a new inscription, "A Memorial to our Forefathers" was placed in the obelisk by Glen Johnstone.



Fall Fest 2023
Saturday, September 23, 2023
12:00- 4:00pm

Event Details as of September 12, 2023

NAME: Fall Fest

VENUE

Primary location - Library Park, 210 Maple Avenue W

- Site prep before the event (garbage, port a potty, etc.) – All Board Members
- Site clean-up after the event – All Board Members

ACTIVITIES

Live Musical Performance: Poppa Bear Norton, 2pm-3:30pm

- Performers have committed to the event and the performance has been incorporated into ECRAC grant for Music in the Park.
- Performers will be located in the gazebo.
- Performer 1 Don Bursell, \$100 hr walking magician will have from 12-2pm.

Food Trucks:

- BBQ Cook Off, 9 teams so far, cooking ribs will have 5 judges, plus patrons can buy a wristband to sample ribs and vote on their favorite. Trophies will be given out for the two best in each category, Judge's choice and People's Choice. Need table and chairs.
- Ice Cream Truck, use generator Yes
- Emma's Pizza, need electricity. Yes
- Primo Tacos, use generator. Yes
- Two new trucks have requested information. Coffee on Wheels and Wally's Whistle Stop

Other Suggested Activities:

- Pumpkin painting, Coborn's,
- Face painting, Check Quality Disposal, Mandi Yoder will help face paint
- Hockey Shoot, MAYRA
- 4-1 Blow up games
- Corn Dig, Sponsor Recovering Hope
- Bull Toss, Northern Lights Realty
- Henna Art, free both, Brianna,
- Corn Hole Toss
- Large Connect 4
- Put up banner and Picture board.

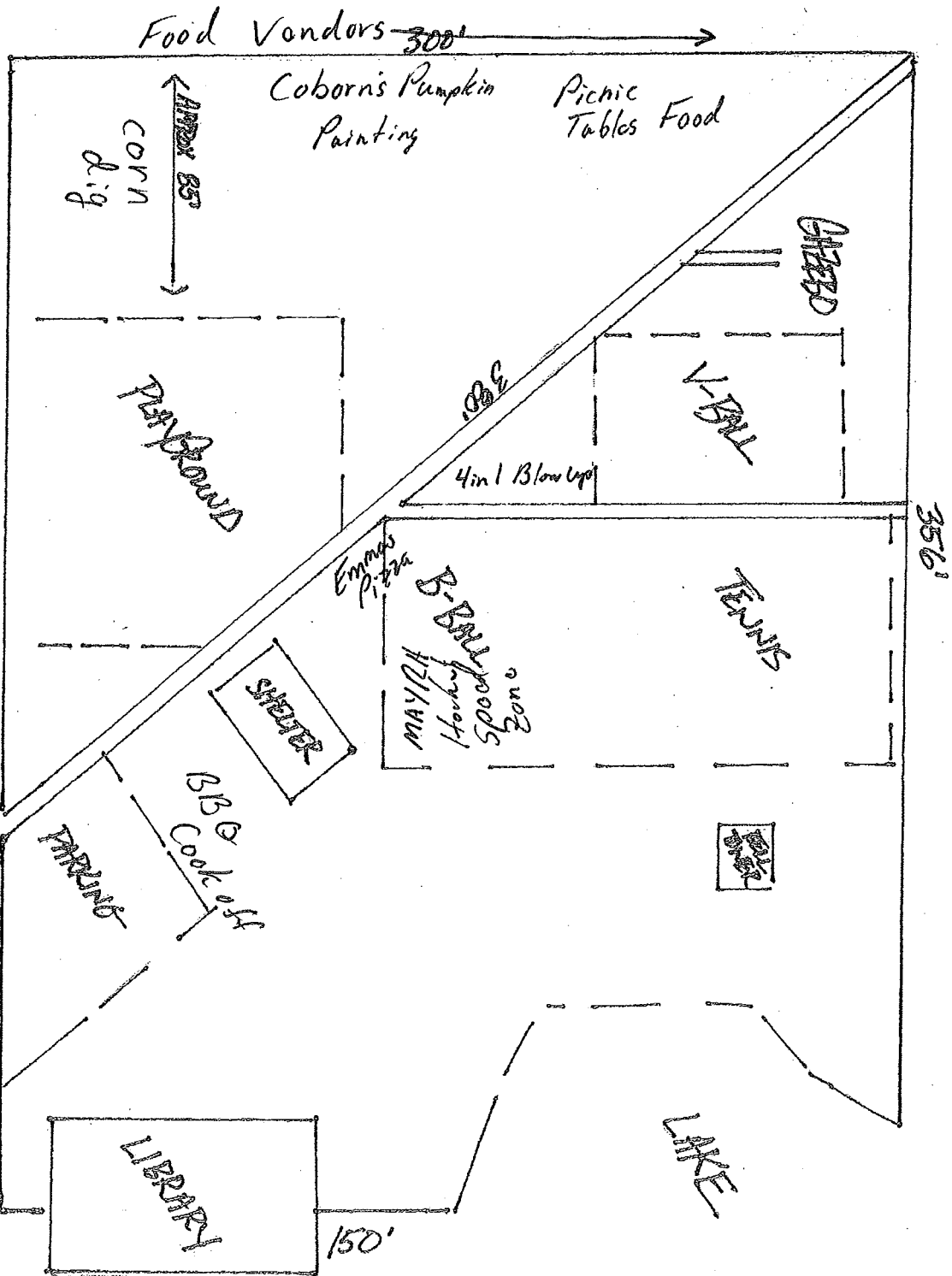
DONATIONS/ PARTNERS- Jeff is working on donations any other suggestions. Potential Sponsors:

- Minnesota Energy Resources, Yes-money
- Spire Credit Union, Yes-money
- Recovering Hope, Yes- prizes and volunteers corn dig
- NCBS, Yes-money
- Neighborhood National Bank, Yes-money, plus supplying volunteers for games/bbq
- Northern Lights, Yes-prizes, and volunteering bull toss
- First Citizens Bank, Yes-money
- MAYRA, Yes-prizes, and volunteers speed zone
- Lake Street Family Dental, Yes-money
- Kanabec Publications, Yes- free add
- Quality Disposal, Yes- volunteering and supplies face painting
- Coborns, Yes- volunteering and supplies pumpkin painting
- Kanabec County, Yes-prizes, and volunteering trivia wheel.

MARKETING:

- City of Mora Facebook page - **Krie** will coordinate.
- City of Mora newsletter (July) -**Krie** will coordinate.
- Music in the Park marketing materials will include live musical performance (newspaper ads, radio ads, printed schedules available at city hall, City website, etc.) -**Krie** will coordinate.

CITY OF MORRIS
LIBRARY PARK

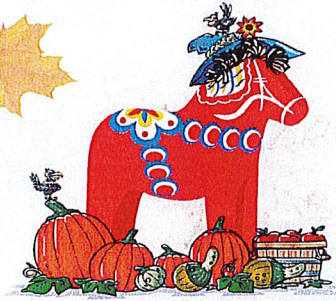


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City of Mora

Fall Fest



"Don't Leaf the Park Yet"

Saturday, September 23rd

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Library Park

Family Activities

- Pumpkin Painting
- Speed Zone
- Corn Dig
- Bull Rope'n Ring Toss
- Trivia Wheel
- Face Painting
- Giant Connect 4
- Henna Art
- 4 Lane Inflatable Sport Games

Entertainment

Strolling Magician Don Bursell

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Poppa Bear Norton

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Barbeque Cook Off

- Back by popular demand
- \$100 Entry Fee Per Team
- 1st & 2nd Place Trophies
- Judging Begins at 2pm

Judges Choice & People's Choice Categories
\$10 Wrist Bands Sold to Sample & Judge Ribs

Teams Interested in Competing, contact Jeff
at Mora City Hall, Ph. 320-225-4827

Food Trucks

Primo Tacos

Emma's Pizza

Ice Cream Machine

Wally's Whistle Stop

Coffee On Wheels

For more information visit:

ci.mora.mn.us or  [@cityofmora](https://www.facebook.com/cityofmora)

Community partners and sponsors:

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Recovering Hope Treatment Center · Neighborhood National Bank · Spire Credit Union · Northern
MN Suicide Prevention/988 Crisis Lifeline · Minnesota Energy Resources · Quality Disposal · First
Citizens Bank · North Country Bottle Shop · Northern Lights Realty, Rose Krie · Kanabec Publications
Lake Street Family Dental

This event is held in conjunction with Music in the Park and is organized by City of Mora and its Park and Recreation Board. The live musical performance portion of this event is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council and a legislative appropriation for the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

No smoking is allowed at Library Park.

