

City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

January 21, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood and Bob Bodene.

Members Absent: Marilyn Diding, Andrea Messina, and Andrew Fraley.

Also Present: Council Member Mark Daly, Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, and Secretary Karen Boland.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Bodene made a **motion** to approve the July 23, 2015 minutes. Second by Sandie Wood. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Park Fund balance	\$73,187.67
Park Capital Fund balance	\$20,241.73
Park Land Fund balance	\$10,411.58

Agenda Additions or Deletions

None.

City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

a) Hydroseeding

Hydroseeding did not take place last fall. It will be a spring project. Jim's hope is to re-level problem areas on the tennis-court side of City Park before hydroseeding.

b) Park Rule Signs

Jim brought in a picture of a "Park Rules" sign. The signs are old and the lettering is worn, making them difficult to read. He asked if Park Board members wanted to add or change any rules, before new signs are ordered. No changes were suggested. Jim will also check with City staff. There are four signs, one in each parking lot. He will check the condition of any signs at the other parks as well, and then order replacements.

c) Tru-Green

Jim handed out the details of charges by Tru-Green for the 2016 season. This includes fertilizer and weed control for City Hall Park in late spring and fall. Tru-Green hasn't raised their price in four years. Last year, Hidden Park was not sprayed. Instead, Jim had spraying done along Zurich Street for the same price. Cost for spraying along Zurich will come from the Public Works budget.

d) Parking Lot Gravel

In this year's budget, \$1500 was designated for park maintenance with mention of using it for woodchips. Since woodchips are not needed, Jim will determine how much gravel that money will purchase, and gravel either the main City Park parking lot or, if that cost would be too high, gravel the parking lot off of 165th.

e) Base Box Combination Locks

Jim reported he will be changing the combination this year for the locks on the base boxes.

New Business

a) Chairperson

Sandie Wood agreed to remain as the Board's Chair.

Old Business

a) Fencing Alternatives to Telephone Poles

There was discussion that the same type of black fence installed on the south side of Kettle River Boulevard would be a good replacement for the telephone poles on the north side of Kettle River as well. However, the cost is prohibitive. Council Member Daly encouraged the Board to begin setting aside funds in 2016 or requesting funding for this project. City Park is the focal point of the City. There was also discussion about the consistently high usage of the trail. People of all ages use it in all kinds of weather.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary