

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
October 20, 2020

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on October 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom virtual meeting with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, Roman Meyers and Rory Wiebel. The board currently has one vacancy. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders. Chris Nosbisch joined the meeting later.

Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman to approve agenda. Seconded by Meyers. Carried all.

Approval of the Minutes up to Sept. 9, 2020. Motion made by Meyers to approve agenda. Seconded by Hoffman. Carried all.

Directors Report. Siders updated the members on the progress of the LBC. Plans are to go to Phase III, which includes opening the rock wall with Covid-19 procedures. Changes include retaining the guardian age to those younger than 14 for the time being. Hoping for a unfreeze of all memberships by 12/1/20 or 1/1/21.

Siders reported the flag football is complete and soccer seasons were finishing. The girls' basketball season will be starting soon with a coaches meeting coming up.

MVPR was awarded a Lacrosse grant to work for camps and clinics. Siders is planning to work with both Cornell teams to gauge interest and form a plan.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Parks and Rec Board. All were in agreement to continue Poduska as Chair and Hoffman as Vice Chair. Meyers did announce that he will be resigning by March, so the board will need to recruit two members.

Discussion regarding Stonebrook Park. Grading and other concerns were brought up with Nosbisch regarding the adjacent lots to the future park. Hoping to not only avoid future additional costs, but to put a plan in place in order to phase in working on the park. Nosbisch is planning to discuss these issues with the adjacent Stonebrook builder and return to the board with information on how to proceed. Siders is to look into costs for the park for phase planning purposes.

Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Master Plan. The Nature Park project is almost complete, waiting on some backordered lights. The Wellness Center Trail is close to completion. The trails on the CIP plan coming up that may or may not have full funding capabilities and priorities may need to be updated. Discussion will continue at the next meeting to prioritize trails.

Discussion regarding Pavilion and Gazebo rental rates. Siders gave board members an update on information given by other towns about rental rates. So far there are straight rates, not a deposit structure. Meyers and Siders will present more information for discussion next meeting.

Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). None reported.

Old Business. None.

New Business. T-Wall is being installed at the LBC, adding a new feature for members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m., October 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Catherine Poduska, Mount Vernon Parks and Rec Chair