

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
September 9, 2020

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on September 9, 2020, at 5:35 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.

Approval of the Agenda. Item #2 will be tabled. Motion made by Meyers to approve agenda with this change. Seconded by Hoffman. Carried all.

Approval of the Minutes from July 13, 2020. Tabled.

Directors Report. Siders thanked all Public Works staff for all their help with cleanup in the parks, where tree damage was immense. Flag football and soccer are up and running. There will be no Punt Pass Kick this season.

Discussion regarding City of Mount Vernon Trails Master Plan. The Nature Park project is almost complete. That trail was not affected by the storm. There was a delay with the Wellness Center trail due to contract issues initially, then delays due to the derecho storm that came through. Work should be continuing soon. There are some 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.

Discussion regarding Park and Rec storm recovery/summary. Siders gave board members an update on damage to City Parks and facilities after the derecho.

Discussion regarding Sons of American Legion Memorial Tree. Siders was approached by Dr. Mike Montgomery who is one of the leaders of the Sons of American Legion. They would like to possibly put a memorial tree near their monument at Memorial Park. Board members were in agreement.

Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Roman Meyers would like invite Mount Vernon kids to an “open field” for Lacrosse event in Solon to get kids involved until Mount Vernon receives their Lacrosse sticks that they will receive as part of a grant.

Old Business. Siders is still collecting data from other communities on rental of gazebos and shelters.

New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m., September 9, 2020

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk