

**Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023**

Call to Order: Mrs. Galka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: Commissioners in attendance: Mrs. Galka, Mr. Such, Mr. Kara, and Ms. Grabczak. Council Representative Mr. Huddlestun, School Board Representative Mrs. Hillan. Also present are Park Board Secretary Ms. Montes, and Park Director Mrs. Goodpaster

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Kara, seconded by Mr. Such to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Grabczak, seconded by Mr. Kara to accept the December 11, 2023 minutes as presented. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

Approval of Register of Claims: Mrs. Goodpaster explained that the invoice for \$1,949.50 invoice was for the mulch at Robinson Lake. Friends of Robinson donated the money to pay for the invoice for \$1,665.80 for the life rings at Robinson Lake. Motion by Ms. Grabczak, seconded by Mr. Kara to accept the register of claims. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)

Correspondence: nothing under correspondence

Director Report: Mrs. Goodpaster reported that we are wrapping up the year. We did the Christmas tree lighting and the event was returned to the park. It all went well, the plan is to keep it at the park and get bigger and better. We have started planning for our events next year. We just got the life rings that were donated for Robinson Lake and we will be putting those in the spring. There was a small discussion on the new playground. Everyone loves it and kids enjoy it, there will be a final walk-through in the spring, and deal with anything that needs to be fixed.

Plan Commission Report: nothing under plan commission report

Common Council Report: Mr. Huddlestun gave his final report as a common council. He stated that it's been an honor to serve the park board. Mr. Huddlestun is our new Mayor starting in January and he is excited to serve his community. The park board thanked Mr. Huddlestun for serving the park board.

School Board Report: Mrs. Hillan mentioned that the school recognized all the Hobart athletes and it took two full meetings. The kids that were recognized were kids that made all-conference and all-state which means that it's based on their GPA as well. This is a way to pave the way for college scholarships for the kids. Mrs. Hillan also wanted to recognize the Moose Lounge for donating so much money to the school programs. They held a bingo event and raised the most money they ever raised and donated to the school. The school is so grateful for the people and the community and gave back.

Old Business: nothing under old business

New Business: nothing under new business

Announcements: Mayor Brian Snedecor came forward and thanked the board for all the great work they have done for the park department. He thanked Mrs. Goodpaster for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the department. He mentioned he is excited along with Mr. Huddleston of all the things moving parts that are going with the park department right now. Mr. Snedecor also mentioned that during the fish fry on Friday 15, 2023 at the Hobart Moose Lodge he will present the Tony Wirtz memorial award to Bill SeDoris. Bill is responsible for a lot of the non-profit fundraisers. Mr. Snedecor also mentioned that the property that was discussed about inquiring over by Northwinds is still being done and is now in the legal hands of the attorney. Things look good and moving along and we are getting the property sooner than later. He also mentioned that they met with the pastor for the property just South of the pool. Two appraisals were done, however, the appraisals came in low for what they were asking for the property. They will get a third-party appraisal, but as a government entity, we can only take the difference between the two appraisals. So, we won't get a closure for the property this year, it will be something to deal with under the new administration. Mrs. Goodpaster expressed that getting that property is important so that we can extend the parking.

The park board commissioners along with Mrs. Hillan thanked Mr. Snedecor for all the years he served the town of Hobart. Mrs. Goodpaster expressed that she is also very thankful for supporting her for everything she wanted for the parks. They were able to accomplish a lot together as a team. She is excited for Mr. Huddleston to be the new Mayor, and she congratulates Mr. Kara on his future with the City Council.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kara, seconded by Ms. Grabczak. All aye, motion carried. (4-0)
