

Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 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: Mr. Kara, Mr. Such, and Present via remote call Ms. Grabczak. Council Representative Mr. Huddlestun, School Board Representative Mrs. Hillan. Also present: Park Board Secretary Ms. Montes and Park Director Mrs. Goodpaster. Absent: Mrs. Galka.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to accept the April 10, 2023 minutes as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Approval of Register of Claims: Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to accept the Register of Claims. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: nothing under correspondence

Director Report: Mrs. Goodpaster reported that bathrooms are moving along, and Nipsco and Water Utilities are relocating all the services at our location. Our building has no power and no water, therefore the office is closed till Thursday. The grand opening is still set for the end of July. Mrs. Goodpaster will give all details and the date for the ribbon cutting.

The pool has been up and running but unfortunately, due to the weather we haven't been open as much as we wanted it to. Concession is going really well, attendance has been great, and we have a lot of pool passes and weekend pool parties.

Mrs. Goodpaster announced that the Community Night Out will be taken place at the Country Line Orchard this year Tuesday, August 1st from 5-7:30 pm. It is a free event for the kids and there will be a lot of community organizations and we will be there representing Parks and Events.

Mrs. Goodpaster also reported that she still hasn't got any date for the playground at Robinson Lake, so the plans are to install the benches now and keep moving along until the playground gets installed.

Plan Commission Report: nothing under the plan commission report

Common Council Report: Mr. Huddlestun reported that the clock tower was dedicated to Linda Buzinec and the ceremony was a great turnout. Outside of that, everything is moving along, and continuing to work on the plan for the mall repayment.

School Board Report: Mrs. Hillan stated she was happy to see so many different factions of the Hobart Schools represented in the 4th of July parade. Mrs. Hillan also announces that registration is now open online. Online registration helps with projecting how many staff will be needed for the year. Back-to-school nights are posted on the website as well, each school will have its own date and time for all different grade levels.

Old Business: nothing under old business

New Business: Mrs. Goodpaster stated that the master plan is now ready to be adopted as a recommendation to the council. Senior planner Siraj Asfahani came forward with the presentation of the final master plan. He discussed the park details, backgrounds, descriptions, and recommendations for future park improvements. Mr. Asfahani talked about the level of service analysis which evaluates how well the City's parks and outdoor amenities compare to local, regional, and industry benchmarks and attempts to measure how well the offerings serve the community. Mrs. Hillan commented that as a former principal, she used to make school plans and follows the same format. Mrs. Hillan stated that the plan is incredible because it provided a lot of information about our parks it pointed out the weakness and where the improvements can be made, it's also an easy-to-follow plan and easy-to-read plan. Motion by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak to make a recommendation to the city council to accept the Parks portion of the master plan. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements: Sandy O'Brien came forward representing Friends of Robinson and explained that they were concerned about the master plan. Mrs. Goodpaster assure them that their comments were taken into consideration and put into the master plan. Mrs. Goodpaster also mentioned that the maps were not included in the master plan because we would have to find funding through multiple sources.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Such, seconded by Ms. Grabczak. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

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