

Park Board
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2016
7:00 PM

Roll Call- Jerry Paschke, Missy Underdahl, Ben Goodwin, Grace Bartlett, Stephanie Witter

Absent- none

Also in Attendance- Adam Jirak, Pat Merritt

A. Regular meeting called to order by Jerry Paschke at 7:13 PM

B. Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve Agenda by M Underdahl, seconded by G Bartlett

C. Introduction and Election of Officers

1. New Medford Park Board Members for 2016

a. Grace Bartlett

b. Stephanie Witter

2. Medford Park Board Officers for 2016

a. President- Jerry Paschke

b. Vice President- Missy Underdahl

c. Secretary- Grace Bartlett

D. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from the December Regular Meeting by M Underdahl, seconded by B Goodwin.

E. Report from Medford City Council meeting- no report from December City Council meeting

F. Old Business

1. Review and Input of Medford park Board proposals

a. Pat Merritt provided input on potential improvements to the Frank Woodfill Wildlife Refuge. Suggestion to explore possibility of adding trails for walking and biking along the Straight River between the Wildlife Refuge north towards Medford. Suggestion to repaint the exterior sign for the Frank Woodfill Wildlife Refuge as it is fading and in some disrepair.

i. Motion to recommend repainting sign to Medford City Council by G Bartlett, seconded by S Witter

b. Investigation needed to determine if any DNR issues with Park Board proposals for Straight River Park basketball court modifications by J Paschke.

c. Suggestion to add Wagon Wheel and improved landscaping to the historic stone in Central Park.

G. New Business

1. Proposals by Park Board for outlot acreage north of new Casey's development upon city of Medford acquisition of the 9 acres.

a. Walking Trail with interpretive displays of native grasses, flowers, etc.

b. Urban garden in an area of acreage. Investigation of similar community garden programs/policies needed to assess feasibility and best practices.

c. Frisbee Golf- idea needs additional investigation to determine if layout and square yardage are adequate for a short course.

2. Plan for advertising Medford Community meeting regarding Park Board proposals.

a. Community meeting will be advertised in the CAST and Owatonna People's Press.

b. Community meeting will be held at Medford City Hall.

c. Planned date for Community meeting is March 9, 2016 at 6 PM.

3. Cadence and Times for 2016 Medford Park Board meetings.

a. Meetings will be held monthly at City Hall for the near future.

b. Day of the week will be discussed further to accommodate schedules of Medford Park Board members.

H. Next regular Meeting will be Wednesday February 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM

I. Motion by J Paschke, seconded by B Goodwin to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 PM