

MINUTES
MONONA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board for the City of Monona was called to order by Chair Alder Doug Wood at 6:31 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Alder Doug Wood, Co-Chair Alder Molly Grupe, Tony Gomez-Phillips Thom Evans, Jeff Hinz, Kelly Slack, Parks & Recreation Director Jake Anderson

Absent: **Jennifer Kahl, Rachel Groman, Pat Howell**

Approval of the Minutes

Molly Grupe made a motion, seconded by Thom Evans to approve the minutes from the March 8th meeting. Motion Carried

Appearances

A. None

Unfinished Business

A. None

New Business

A. Discussion/Recommendation of No Mow May in Monona Parks

Alder Wood requested this agenda item in coordination with an ordinance change to allow residents to participate in a No Mow May and not be in violation of city ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion on the merits of participation in No-Mow May from a parks perspective and the challenges to get active recreation spaces back after letting the grass grow for a month. Director Anderson recommended that participation by the Parks Department be limited to Woodland Park, Indian Outlet Mound, and a portion of Winnequah Park

Molly Grupe made a motion to participate in No Mow May at Woodland park, Indian Outlet Mound, and the small area behind the tennis courts at Winnequah Park Tony Gomez-Phillips seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

B. Discussion/Action to accept donation of storage shed at Ahuska Park – Monona Home Talent Baseball Club

Mike Anthony and Vince Schmitz representing Monona Home Talent Baseball Club request to purchase and store a larger shed 12'x 20' at Ahuska Park for storage of equipment/supplies for the maintenance of the Murphy-Anthony Field. Director Anderson provide photos of the existing shed and noted it was in poor condition. The Parks Board was supportive of this request.

Jeff Hinz made a motion, seconded by Thom Evans to approve the purchase and installation of a larger storage shed location with final location and color of shed to be approved by the Parks & Recreation Director. Motion Carried.

C. Discussion of Park Sign Locations and Park Rules Signage

This item was not discussed at this meeting due to lack of time.

Director's Report & Questions to Staff from Committee

- A. Jake Anderson – Parks & Recreation Director
None

Updates/Discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Efforts

None

Friends of San Damiano/Steering Committee Reports

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Molly Grupe seconded by Thom Evans was carried at 8:37 pm.