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**Lanesboro Park Board  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.  
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

**Members Present:** Alex Gehrig, Sam Hareldson, Joe Deden and Teri Benson

**Members Absent:** Brenda Semmen

**Staff:** Darla Taylor, Mitchell Walbridge and Mark Lawstuen

**Visitors:** Kathryn Wade, Melissa Wray, Robert Lieb, Peter Torkelson and Bonita Underbakke

**Call to Order:** Member Benson called the meeting of the Park Board to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:** Board Member Deden motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Community Theatre Sylvan Park Use July 6-7 to the consent agenda. Member Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Welcome Guests and Comments:** No Comments

**Approve Minutes:** A motion was made by Member Deden to approve the meeting minutes from April 23, 2024 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Hareldson. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Jackdonkey Productions Gazebo Use - July 23, 2024
- b. Jonathan Levine - North Shelter & Volleyball - June 2, 2024
- c. Spaeth/Bissett Wedding - May 10, 2025
- d. Rowell Wedding - October 5, 2024
- e. Community Theatre Sylvan Park Use - July 6-7, 2024

A motion was made by Member Hareldson to approve the consent agenda items including the addition of Community Theatre Sylvan Park Use. Member Deden seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Member Gehrig joined the meeting at 5:10pm.

**Staff Update:** Mark Lawstuen noted that the new lawn mower had been ordered and is set to be delivered. The new shelter is almost complete. Huntington Electric installed two new disc lights in the shelter and outlets. Staff have been working hard to keep up with the growing grass. Year to Date Financials for the month of April 2024 were provided.

**Continued Business**

- A. **Tennis Courts:** City Administrator Walbridge noted he was still waiting on some quotes. However, he proposed the idea of exploring the cost and feasibility of the addition of 1 or 2 courts next to the basketball courts. Administrator Walbridge will reach out to John Smith and Lucas Johnson from Cedar Valley resorts who just completed a pickleball court installation on their property for more information and possible prices.

- B. **Lanesboro Trail Extension:** No updates from the DNR to report.
- C. **Sylvan Park Cabin:** HPC is working on a draft resolution for local designation.
- D. **Invasive Buckthorn:** A quote from O'Connell Excavating & Snow Plowing was received and reviewed for two areas, the first along Ridgeview Avenue and the other in Sylvan Park behind the ponds and tent camping sites. Member Deden noted that the work could eradicate the buckthorn for approximately 15-20 years. City Administrator Walbridge noted the funds would likely come out of the Capital Outlay for the park department. A motion was made by Member Hearldson and seconded by Member Benson to refer the quote to city council for approval to proceed with the quote for both areas. Motion carried all in favor.
- E. **Seasonal Employment:** A second round of applicants was sought, and an interview was completed for Joe Newman. The hiring committee, which consisted of Member Benson, City Administrator Walbridge, and Park Manager Mark Lawstuen, recommended offering Joe Newman the position. A motion was made by Member Hearldson and seconded by Member Benson to hire Joe Newman at \$15.00 per hour with a 30-day probationary period b. Motion carried all in favor.

#### **New Business**

- A. **Patricia & Jamie Rabe - Use of Space Gateway Park Request - June 15, 2024:** No information was received for this request. No action was taken.
- B. **Melissa Wray - Use of Space Gateway Park Request - September 7, 2024:** A written request to use the space on September 7 from 12pm-6pm for a wedding was received. Member Benson questioned the need for bathroom facilities, however it was noted that the one currently in the area would be sufficient for the number of expected guests. A motion was made by Member Hearldson and seconded by Member Deden to approve the use of space as requested. Motion carried all in favor.
- C. **Rowan Lieb - Eagle Project:** Rowan Lieb was present to request permission to plant 5-10 trees in Sylvan Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. The trees would need to be provided by the park board or fundraised for. He offered to complete all the labor for the project with help from his fellow scouts. A motion was made by Member Gehrig and seconded by Member Benson to approve the project, including the purchase of up to seven trees to be planted. Motion carried all in favor. It was noted that the planting would take place in the fall of 2024.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Member Gehrig to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Deden. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Taylor

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Deputy Clerk