

**PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020  
6:30 PM  
BOARD ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 210 COTTONWOOD AVENUE**

Present: Tim Hallquist, Curt Gundrum, Duane Lawson, Jack Kolo, Rick Connor and Tina Bromberger (arrived at 7:00 pm).  
Absent: Peggy Kallenberger  
Others: Mike Gerszewski, Kelli Yogerst and Tim Rhode.

**7:00 PM Call to Order**

**Public comments for those items not included on this agenda:** (Please be advised the Park and Recreation Board will receive information from the public for a three minute time period per person with time extensions per the Park and Recreation Chairperson's discretion. Be it further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments.)

**1. Consideration of a motion to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of November 4, 2019 meeting.**

Motion (Gundrum/Connor) to approve the Park and Recreation minutes of November 4, 2019. Carried (5-0).

**Public Works Items**

**2. Discussion and possible consideration of the possible renaming of Hartbrook Park to Rotary Park and a plan of proposed improvements, Hartland-Lake Country Rotary Club.**

Melissa Thompson of the Rotary was present and explained what they are thinking about and proposing. She said last year Bob Mallow the former Rotary president had come to Park Board regarding a flag pole at Hartbrook Park and they had gotten approval to move forward. She said the Rotary used to meet at the Hartland Inn, but because of the fire there they have chosen to keep the meeting place in Hartland and they now meet at the Legion. Ms. Thompson went on to say they have recommitted to being here in Hartland and with that, would really like to do some more investing in Hartbrook Park beyond the flag itself. She said the Rotary put in the splash pad at Nixon Park a few years back and it was a collaborative project with the Village and had a huge hand with the band shell. She went on to say there has been a lot of talk of what to do with a community center in the future and that is something Rotary could potentially be interested in partnering with the Village separate from this conversation tonight. She also said the spot where the old bowling alley was could be a good spot for that too. Ms. Thompson handed out to everyone an explanation of what the Rotary is proposing and they are:

1. Erect the flag as already discussed.
2. Assist the Village in creating a plan for additional improvements including:
  - a. The building of the student-designed war memorial project (student contest that took place 4 yrs. ago).
  - b. Ongoing Bark River clean-up in coordination with other community groups.
  - c. Review and create potential long range plan for other improvements like the baseball diamond, volleyball courts, basketball courts and playground area and pavilion.

With the Rotary's involvement and investment they would like the Village Board to consider renaming Hartbrook to Rotary Park. Ms. Thompson said they while they can't be out there mowing and cleaning up they are hoping to work with the Village to accomplish these goals.

Gerszewski said the location is problematic because of the water and sewer lines and it would be very expensive to move. Hallquist asked what the memorial would be facing and he also commented on the original plan of the flag being seen from Hwy 16. He also said the 90 ft. flag pole they are proposing, the Village doesn't have any equipment to get up that high for any maintenance. Bob Mallow pointed out that the Fire dept. said their ladder can go up to 105 ft. but Hallquist said the Park Board doesn't have any jurisdiction on giving approval for the use of the large ladder that would need to be the Village Board.

Hallquist asked since the Rotary doesn't won't be doing any maintenance, would the cost and maintenance be that of the Village, such as repair, flag replacement etc. Bob Mallow said the Lake Country foundation has made a commitment to have flag replacements whenever necessary. He also commented that repair cost and the raising and lowering of flags. Gerszewski said they are raising and lowering flags almost on a weekly basis now. Ms. Thompson commented on possibility of fundraising to help cover costs.

There was brief discussion on whether the improvements the Rotary wants to do would take place first or the name change would take place first. Bob Mallow said that is something they haven't thoroughly discussed. Hallquist asked them that when they have their plan to include all of that and they can't approve something that doesn't have a plan. Lawson said he thought he heard 70 ft. at some point and Mr. Mallow said they have different levels they can do. Bromberger commented that she feels this is not on a need list and the Park Board doesn't need to take on anymore cost at this point. Hallquist said they would also need to get together with DPW regarding the location. Hallquist said he understands what they are proposing but also would like to see it warranted to change the name of the park.

**3. Discussion and possible consideration of Hartland Kids Day, Erin Guenterberg.**

Erin Guenterberg was present to explain this year's Hartland Kids Day and give the board an update of last year's Hartland Kids Day. She said the date this year will be July 29. Hallquist mentioned there is a new food truck policy in place now for food vendors.

Ms. Guenterberg commented on the shuttle and said they will have better signage this year and she wondered if the police could help. Yogerst said she should have a sit-down with the

police, and DPW before the event. Ms. Guenterberg said the parking last year went better. There was discussion on the parking and the possibility of having 2 attendants to help.

Motion (Bromberger/Connor) to approve the Hartland Kids Day 2020. Carried (6-0).

**4. Discussion and possible reconsideration of extension of Splash Pad Hours.**

Hallquist said he is in favor of it. Gerszewski said the hours would be 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. He said in looking at the water usage it was ok, even with the extended hours.

Motion (Lawson/Bromberger) to approve the extension of the Splash Pad hours for 2020. Carried (6-0).

**Other items for consideration**

**5. Announcements: It is not completed that these matters will be discussed or acted upon and may include items for future consideration. The following individuals may provide announcements: Park and Recreation Board members or other Village Staff members.**

Yogerst commented that this is free try week and if anyone knows a senior fitness exercise instructor, the current one will no longer be able to teach Fridays.

**6. Adjourn**

Motion (Gundrum/Connor) to adjourn. Carried (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
By Recording Secretary,  
Deidre Bushey  
Deputy Clerk