

**PARK BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019**

Chair Craig Kittel called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019

**Members Present:** Craig Kittel, Jon Hailey, Mandi Erickson, Rose Kosin, and Dave Newman

**Others Present:** Noah Wiedenfeld

Marc Lybeck introduced himself, he is interested in serving on the Park Board.

**Members Absent:** Joe Ard

Jon Hailey moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

Jon Hailey moved to approve the minutes of July 31, 2019, seconded by Dave Newman, motion carried.

**Public Business Items**

None

**Consent Agenda:**

**Project Updates:**

Noah Wiedenfeld briefly reviewed the current projects. Updated information on donations will be presented at the September meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Park Board Vacancy:**

There have been five citizens whom have completed and returned application forms for consideration. This term will run through April 2021. After discussion and reviewing the application Noah was asked to contact Marc and Krista to come to the next meeting.

**New Business**

**Willow River Bluffs Parkland Dedication:**

Noah gave some background information on parkland and impact fees for new subdivisions. Developers shall dedicate a minimum of ten percent of the total acreage to be used for single-family homes. Parkland dedications are reviewed by the Park Board, and their recommendation is presented to the Plan Commission as part of the plat review process. Willow River Bluffs, LLC is interested in dedicating 30 acres to the City of New Richmond for parkland. This would be the second largest park in the City of New Richmond behind Freedom Park. Motion was made by Mandi Erickson to accept the parkland dedication and waive the park impact fees for Willow River Bluffs, LLC, seconded by Dave Newman, motion carried.

**Tobacco Free Parks & Trail Systems:**

There have been a number of municipalities who have adopted various smoke-free ordinances for public parks. Many college campuses and school districts have prohibited the use of tobacco products on their property. Members of the board voiced concerns on vaping in particular, but also concerned that prohibiting smoking would discourage some people from using the trails and parks. This may keep some elderly people who have smoked for years from attending a family reunion or a grand child's birthday party. Motion was made by Dave Newman to table this, seconded by Mandi Erickson, motion carried.

**Announcements:**

There will be a walk through at Willow River Bluffs parkland on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for those who would like to attend.

Jon Hailey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craig Kittel, motion carried.

The meeting of the Park Board adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by  
Marie Bannink  
City Secretary