



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD
July 28, 2015**

Location:

Nelson Park

Call to Order:

Chairperson Crawford call the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Present:

Members: Marc Crawford, Bob Hardin, Jane Davidson, Brendan McCarthy, and Sally Skjaret

Others Present:

Public Works Director Marv Wurzer

Council Liaison Mayor Donny Chillstrom

Approved Agenda:

No objections were made to the agenda as presented.

Approved Minutes:

Minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting were approved by all members.

Evaluate Park Equipment at Nelson Lakeside Park:

*It was agreed that the play structure needs updating. Repair or replace? City will have vendors come in and evaluate what type of equipment we need.

*Having a food truck come in during certain hours sounds like a good idea. Discussion should continue.

Discussion of Goose Control Program:

*The geese are very bad this year. Wurzer will look into hiring a certified goose removal guy. This will happen next spring. Chillstrom will see if Orono would like to get in on this project.

Discussion of a Parks and Trails Master Plan:

*Davidson introduced the start of the 5-year Master Plan by distributing a document that inventories current equipment, its shelf life, and replacement cost. This was put together with the help of Wurzer.

*We discussed prioritizing each park's needs with input from community groups such as the school, the Chamber, and other interested parties. We will need to do the outreach. Because of the wide discrepancy between the budget and the maintenance/replacement cost, we will need to prioritize each park's needs over the next few years. Large ticket items, such as replacing the play structure at Nelson, will need some funding from outside sources, along with other city money. We can prioritize after we have visited all parks. This year, it was decided, the remaining money in the budget should be spent on picnic tables (repair/replace) and trash bins.

Other Business:

*Next month's meeting will take place at Hardin.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6:48

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Skjaret, Park Board Secretary