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**NEW YORK MILLS PARK BOARD**

**Aug 22, 2022**

**1:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The Special meeting of the New York Mills Park Board was held on Aug 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the City Office in the City of New York Mills, Minnesota all members of the Board having been notified of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

**Members Present:** Larry Witt, Jerry Nesland, Matt Radniecki, Jim Kimber, Don Cassidy, and Kyle Mattson

**Guests Present:** Julie Roberts, Bonnie Dykoff

**A motion was made by Kimber and seconded by Witt to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**City Park Reports:**

**Smith Park-** No Discussion

**Lund Park-** No Discussion.

**A motion was made by Kimber and seconded by Sanaker to approve Roberts to spend up to \$400 on the Central Park Flower Bed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**Hidden Trails Park-** No Discussion

**Central Park –** No Discussion

**The Barn/Sculpture Park –** No Discussion

**Country View Playground-** No Discussion

**South Point Park-** No Discussion

**Community Garden –** No Discussion.

**Old Business:**

**Smith Park Memorial Bench-** No Discussion.

**Dog Park-** It was discussed that a group of citizens attended the city council meeting in August to express their dislike of putting the dog park in Hidden Trails Park. The members of the park board understood the concerns and discussion ensued on ideas for other areas the dog park could be built. Many areas around the city were brought up as ideas. Jerry Nesland remarked that it should go on property that is not suitable for commercial development. Larry Witt brought up the South Point property as an idea. Kyle Mattson brought

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handouts of an idea in the northwest corner of the South Point property owned by the City. Discussion ensued regarding the location suggested by Kyle Mattson. Bonnie Dykoff said that the dog park committee is waiting to find out where it will go before they look for further donations. The group has already received a commitment for \$10,000 from KLN.

**A motion was made by Radniecki to support the fundraising group to put a dog park in South Point on the northwest corner and seconded by Witt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.**

### **New Business:**

**Car Charging Area** – There was a short discussion and it was tabled for discussion at a later date.

**Lund Park Basketball Court** – Radniecki brought to the group the condition of the basketball court in Lund Park. A bid has been obtained to replace the basketball court while the concrete work is being completed at Lund Park for the concession stand project. A quote of \$21,000 was obtained for the basketball court. Discussion ensued about the Park Board paying the full amount of the court. Clerk Roberts pointed out that this would be half of the cash balance of funds that the Park Board has. She also expressed that if this is done in Lund Park by the Park Board that it should be the last thing done in Lund Park until other parks get some attention. She reminded them that when they were planning to put the basketball court in at Country View playground, they felt it was too much money for one project. She reiterated that the Park Board Funds are for more than just Lund Park.

**A motion was made by Cassidy to have the Park Board contribute \$21,000 for the concrete for the Lund Park Basketball Court and to rescind the idea of putting a court in Country View playground. The motion was seconded by Witt. The motion was voted in favor of by Kimber, Radniecki, and Mattson. Nesland dissented. The motion carried.**

**Next Meeting will be October 4, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the City Office Meeting Room.**

**A motion was made by Witt and seconded by Kimber to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. The motion carried without a dissenting vote.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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Julie Roberts