

**HOPKINS PARK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins Park Board was held on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1<sup>st</sup> Street South.

Chair Slindee called the meeting to order with Members Lyksett, Waitz, Miller, Hanneman and Stiele. Member Dachenbach and Youth Member Johnson were absent. Staff present included Management Analyst Imihy Bean.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

**Motion** by Waitz. **Second** by Hanneman.

**Motion** to Adopt the Agenda.

**Ayes: All.**

**Nays: None. Absent: Dachenbach. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**V.1. Welcome New Park Board Members; Imihy Bean**

Rachael Dachenbach and Jon Lyksett were appointed in January with terms ending June 30, 2024, Carsyn Johnson was also appointed in January as a Youth Member through June 30, 2023. Management Analyst Imihy Bean shared brief information about open meeting law.

**V.2. Review Template for Park Board Events; Imihy Bean**

Management Analyst Imihy Bean requested that the Park Board reviewed the form and the proposed process. The goal of the form is to provide structure for events. Ms. Imihy Bean added that the members would discuss forming work groups at a future meeting. After brief discussion about upcoming events and different ideas for events, Ms. Imihy Bean stated this is for existing events where City is already using staff and within budget and scope. She reminded members about the role of the Park Board especially during City events. The Park Board would like to be included on City events and have the opportunity to provide park swag to attendees. Member Stiele suggested having a subcommittee to work on an events timeline and opportunities to participate. Greater discussion was held about work plans, working groups of three or less, potential park plan initiatives and events a subcommittee could strategize.

**Motion** by Stiele. **Second** by Waitz.

**Motion** to Create a Working Group for Events on the Park Board

**Ayes: All.**

**Nays: None. Absent: Dachenbach. Motion carried.**

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The work group will consist of Member Stiele and Hanneman. Ms. Imihy Bean reminded members that the work group cannot have more than three members due to the open meeting law.

**V.3. Park Valley Playground Renaming Options; Imihy Bean**

Management Analyst Imihy Bean reviewed names submitted in the Park Valley Playground naming contest. Ms. Imihy Bean was looking to provide a new name recommendation to the City Council. Discussion was held about naming parks after Hopkins figures or people and implications that may arise naming a park after a specific person. The Park Board shared their top three choices for park names. After reviewing members' choices, the Park Board narrowed their choice to Raspberry Park.

**Motion** by Waitz. **Second** by Lyksett.

**Motion** to Make a Recommendation to City Council to rename Park Valley Playground to Raspberry Park.

**Ayes: All.**

**Nays: None. Absent: Dachenbach. Motion carried.**

Ms. Imihy Bean will hold off on bringing the name recommendation to City Council until the draft Parks Master Plan is ready. She added the renaming would be a great opportunity for the Park Board to have an event after formal adoption.

**GENERAL PARK UPDATE**

Recreation Superintendent Davy provided an update on parks and various recreation registration opportunities to the Park Board. Management Analyst Imihy Bean provided a progress update on the Parks Master Plan.

**PARK AREA ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

The park assignments were reported as follows:

- Meg Slindee: Burnes, Buffer: NTR (nothing to report)
- Kimberly Stiele: Park Valley, Oakes: NTR
- Kristin Hanneman: Maetzold, Valley: Noticed an off leash dog park a Maetzold.
- Emily Waitz: Harley, Elmo: NTR
- Matthew Miller: Downtown, Central: Central has really good ice skating.

Member Lyskett chose to do future reporting on Shady Oak Beach and Hilltop Park. Member Dachenbach will do future reporting on Interlachen and Hiawatha.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Park Board and upon a motion by Miller, second by Stiele, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy Domeier, City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
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Meg Slind, Park Board Chair