

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
March 17, 2015 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on March 15, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present: Lori Boren, Catherine Poduska and Scott Rose. Absent: Mike Cranston and Kelli Chapman. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from December 9, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - January 2015 and February 2015. Siders gave a brief update on Parks and Recreation activities. The youth wrestling program went really well with 22 kids involved. Boys basketball was finished on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Spring soccer will start this coming Monday with 19 teams. Baseball and Softball will again be played with area towns this year. The maximum travel time will be 45 minutes. Swim lesson dates have been finalized and are posted on Facebook, an ad will be going in the paper and it was in the recent City newsletter that was mailed out. Registration will be done at City Hall and will be available for online sign up after that. Assistant managers will be hired at the pool and we are without a swim team coach. Katie Forest will be managing the pool again this year. The pool filters that were inspected are not as bad as anticipated. Sandblasting inside and out will be done after the season is over. The filter sand inside the filters has not been changed in over 10 years but will be done this year. One of the capital project items that Siders would like to discuss for the pool is a heater. Princess Tea Time was done in January and Super Hero Kool-Aid Mixer will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Kimberly Tucker will be helping with this. Online registration is now at 75% overall. Siders and Public Works Director, Nick Nissen, are working on a master parks project list for full and part-time help. There will be two employees working with Siders this summer on Parks and Recreation projects. The new park signs will be installed soon. V&K Engineering will begin looking at the pool pumps. Chalk the Walk has a very recognizable piece this year.
5. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. Siders shared the two responses received from Council and Mayor on the five questions posed to them. These responses will be taken into consideration while working on the plan. Siders and Boren have been working on the document and making necessary changes, which Siders went over with the board and additional suggestions were discussed. Siders recommending having a worksession soon with all board members to try and finalize the plan.
6. Discussion regarding officially naming Sauter and Petrick areas along Hahn Creek to Hahn Creek Greenway. Rose stated that he had spoken to Mr. Sauter and he was very agreeable to this. Also, Siders is proposing to name the trail drainage that runs from 6<sup>th</sup>

Street NE all the way south to Nature Park “ Hahn Creek Greenway”.Siders said that there is a possibility that by adding the “greenway” to the Hahn Creek name it could open up grant opportunities or other types of funding. There will not be official signage done but will be done by marking as such on official City maps. All members were in agreement with forwarding this recommendation on to City Council for approval.

7. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Siders had nothing to report but said that Cathy Poduska will be appointed to the Volunteer committee vacated by Weaver if she is in agreement. He will send her a list of the duties for this committee.
8. Old Business. Siders and Boren will be working on maps for the new trail kiosks. The Carolyn Wellso Foundation helped purchase some park benches. Chalk The Walk work continues and is progressing nicely.
9. New Business. Summer camps for this year include legos, archery and Fit 60 (active camp for kids). There could possibly be art classes offered in the future.
10. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Poduska to adjourn the meeting, the time being 8:20 p.m. on March 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk.