



**CITY OF NEWPORT
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
March 25, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stoffel called the Park Advisory Board Meeting to order on March 25, 2021 at 5:01p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (5): Chairperson Kelly Stoffel, Board Member Anita Perkins, Board Member Jenna Johnson, Board Member Emily White, Board Member Heidi Tweeten

Not Present (1): Board Member John Graber

Non-Voting Members Present (1): Executive Director Matt Yokiell, Council Liaison Laurie Elliott (electronically)

3. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Board Member White and second by Board Member Tweeten to adopt agenda. Approved 5-0

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Board Member White and second by Board Member Perkins to approve minutes from February 25, 2020 Park Board Meeting. Approved 5-0.

5. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

A. Woodbury Park and Rec. Registration for summer programs is open. Newport residents receive Woodbury's resident rate and Newport covers the difference. There is financial assistance available to residents that qualify. Information and applications available at City Hall.

B. Tee Ball. The Newport Athletic Association (NAA) does not have anyone to run it at the moment and is looking for volunteers and coaches. The Park Board would like to see another free/just for fun tee ball (May 25-June 29) and soccer (July 13-August 17) weekly event.

6. BOARD REPORTS

A. Kelly Stoffel

Chairperson Stoffel stated that Friends of Pool 2 has an app for tracking garbage that is picked up along the river to try to aid in finding the source of pollution. They plan on holding clean up events along the river in the near future. The community garden still has plots available-contact City Hall if interested. Info will be posted on Facebook.

B. Anita Perkins

Board Member Perkins mentioned that there are still parks and trails that are available for citizens to adopt. She also wanted to thank all of the current volunteers for adopting parks and trails and helping to keep them clean.

C. Heidi Tweeten

Board Member Tweeten stated that she had read about a grant to restore an oak savannah in a county park and was interested if similar funding could be used to work with Xcel Energy to create the pollinator habitat under the power lines near Bailey School Forest.

D. John Graber

Not present

F. Emily White

Nothing at this time

G. Jenna Johnson

Nothing at this time

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Yokiel stated that the compost site would open to Newport residents on April 10th. Plans for the river overlooks were being drawn up and shown to property owners that border the overlooks with hopes of removing undesirable plants this summer and planting the following year. Mayor Elliot also added that Pioneer Day is likely to be cancelled this summer due to many vendors not being available because of Covid.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Johnson motioned to adjourn the Park Board Meeting. Seconded by Board Member White
Approved 5-0

The Park Board Meeting was adjourned on March 25, 2021 at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt Yokiel
Executive Director

Signed: _____
Kelly Stoffel,
Park Advisory Board Chairperson