

**CITY OF EYOTA  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

**Members Present:** Dianne Schmidt, Jacob Robinson, Tony Nelson, Kurt Holst, Jacob Schleusner, and Deputy Clerk Nancy Eichman

**Members Absent:** Kevin Kullot

**Guests:** Randy Sexton, Eric, Mindy and Carter Boynton, Talen Rabe, Chrissy, Brady, Addison and Jaden Andring, and Ty Hannenberger

**Call to Order:** Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM as a quorum was present.

**Approve the Agenda:** There was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda with an addition 2.F. Aeration Bids for ball fields. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

**Approve the Minutes:** There was a motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Schleusner to approve the minutes of August 12, 2015 meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

**Park/Maintenance**

**Public Works Update:**

- **Freedom Park:** Softball field – the “hump” where the infield and outfield meet has been removed.
- **Summerfield Park:** Basketball court is scheduled to be installed sometime in September. Three red pines that need to be moved for the installation will be moved to Sunrise Park.
- **Stars and Stripes Park:** The north portion of the retaining wall around the caboose is separating. The Council approved Custom Retaining Walls to repair the wall. Custom Retaining Walls will also add blocks on the south end of the caboose so the wall will go completely around the caboose and give it a more finished look.
- **West Side Park:** The dugout bench in the north dugout on the South field has been repaired. The legs of the bench were rotted out. The old legs were removed and new 4x6 posts were installed. Grass was seeded behind the South Field dugout.
- **Sunrise Park:** Removed an Ash tree on the South East lot line of the park. Three red pine trees from Summerfield Park will be installed on that lot line. After some discussion, the Park Board chose to place the red pines trees in a spot not to block the tractor bench view.
- **Bush Court:** The park is in need of edging. The plastic edging around all planting areas is in bad shape. After some discussion, consensus of the Park Board is to have Custom

Retaining Walls and Creative Curb Appeal submit an estimate to replace the edging with bullet pavers or a poured cement edging. This will be put on next month's agenda.

August 27, 2015 Council Action that Affect the Park Board: See, Exhibit "A."

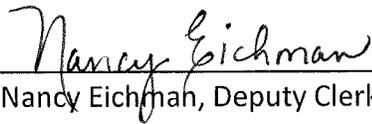
Nominate a Park Board Co-Chair: There was a motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Robinson to nominate Kevin Kullot as Co-Chair of the Park Board as (Co-Chair Mark Winkels has moved). All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

Park Board Vacancy: There were three applications submitted for the Park Board's review. One applicant declined their application. After some review and discussion, there was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Robinson to recommend to the City Council Randy Sexton to fill the Park Board vacancy. There was a motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Robinson to recommend to the City Council Mary Trogstad to fill the Park Board vacancy. With Robinson and Schleusner voting for Randy Sexton and Schmidt voting for Mary Trogstad, Randy Sexton will be recommended to the City Council with a 2-1 vote. Motion carried. The position term expiration being December 31, 2017.

Skate Park Equipment: See, Exhibit "B." Chair Robinson spoke to the guests in the audience who were interested in the City purchasing some skate equipment. Comments from the audience stated that the Skate Park is used frequently, and that they would like to see more skate equipment added to the park. Consensus from the audience was that they would like the "Bank" and the "mini half pipe and ¼ pipe skate pieces. The City is interested in making bid offers on some skate equipment for sale from a neighboring city. Discussion from the Park Board was on determining what pieces and what costs to bid on. There was a motion made by Robinson and seconded by Schmidt to recommend to the City Council to offer the following bids on the pieces of skate equipment from a neighboring city: "Bank"- \$4,000, "Mini half pipe and ¼ pipe" - \$11,000, and the remaining three skate equipment pieces (rail, grind box and bank to bank) - \$351. Total bid offer for all five pieces being \$15,351.00. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried. The Park Board suggested the money to purchase the skate equipment could be taken from the Gambling Fees and General Fund Accounts.

Aeration Bids for ball fields (two at West Side Park & one at Freedom Park: City Maintenance presented the Park Board with two estimates for ball field aeration. One estimate was from TruGreen from Rochester for \$1,230.00. The second estimate was from Community Lawn Care from Rochester for \$825.00. After some discussion, there was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Schmidt to recommend to the City Council not to accept any of the estimates. There was a motion made by Robinson and seconded by Schmidt to budget \$2500 for 2016 for a new aerator for the City. The board also recommend that the \$1,000 donation from the D-E Travelling Baseball Association be used towards this purchase. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried.

**Adjourn:** There was a motion made by Schleusner and seconded by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. The motion was declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.



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Nancy Eichman, Deputy Clerk, Park Board Secretary

## August 27, 2015 Council Actions that Affect the Park Board

D-E Traveling Baseball Association Donation: Members of the Association (kids and Brad Kulot) thanked the city for use of the ball fields. They had 10 teams, 130 kids and 25 volunteer coaches. They presented a \$1,000 donation check, requesting it be used for ball field maintenance and/or the field drag. The Council thanked them and accepted the generous donation.

Stars and Stripes Park Improvements: Motion passed to have the existing retaining wall (around the caboose) separation be repaired and extend the wall and do landscaping on the south side of the caboose. Fix and complete the wall this year: Custom Retaining Walls and Landscaping, \$2,310.46.

Skate Park Equipment: The City a Lanesboro has skate park equipment for sale and will be accepting bids until September 15. The Council requested the Park Board research what pieces could be used, fit in our area and to make a recommendation to submit a bid.

Railroad Trail Crossing: The Railroad installed concrete sections instead of the agreed rubber crossing. It also is not big enough. Council Consensus: request the Railroad put in the rubber crossing that was agreed on and make sure it lines up with the trail.

NOTE: the trail is not officially open until this crossing is completed and the DNR will not finalize and close out the grant until the trail is officially open.

Second Street Wetlands: As discussed at the August 17 work meeting. Authorized WHKS & Co. to create a preliminary engineering plan for the Second Street Wetlands acreage; estimated cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 (comes out of the storm sewer fund).

This is the land purchased from Dorothy Jones that is adjacent to Sunset Park and connects to West Side Park. There is potential here to consider developing some of this into additional park land. WHKS was specifically asked to research how the existing trails could connect to Sunset Park and the Am Legion area.

Economic Development District: Per three of the EDA's Strategic Plan goals and recommended by the City's Bond Attorney, the EDA recommended and the Council approved establishing an Economic Development District to be referred to as the Economic Development District Number One: Historic Downtown. The District would be for the purpose of using the Rochester half percent sales tax revenues and other economic tools to enhance then develop the Historic Downtown Eyota.

### Pertaining to Trees:

Summerfield Park Trees: Motion passed to move the three red pine trees from Summerfield Park to the back/South lot line of Sunrise Park. Cost will be \$600; which is \$200 per tree. This will come out of the Park budget; tree maintenance account.

121 Washington AVE SE Boulevard Tree: Council consensus: remove the walnut boulevard tree at 121 Washington Avenue SE. This will be a city expense outside of the project costs and will come out of the 101 General Fund.

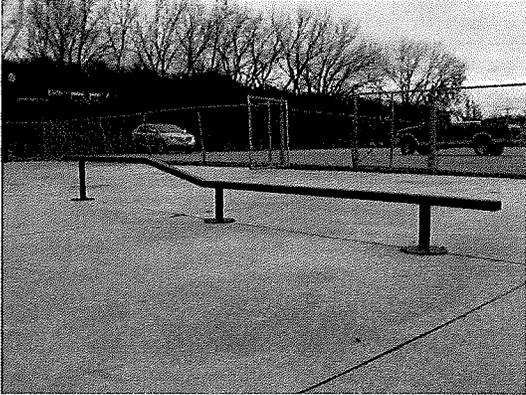
Note: The City also removed a walnut boulevard tree from in front of Norma Jean's Hair Styling. After dealing with a few of these trees that were not required to be removed due to construction, but made sense to remove; the Park Board functioning as the Tree Board, may be asked to be involved in the 2016 and 2018 project. Trees in the project construction areas could be looked at in respect to a tree that should be removed because of its age or condition; not just because it is in the way of construction. The engineers tend to try to save as many trees as possible.

Exhibit "A"

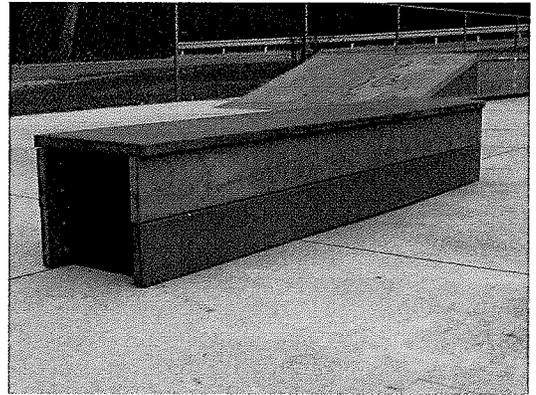
# Lanesboro Skate Park



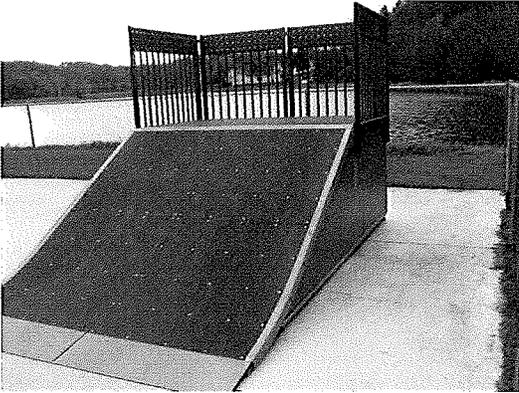
Rail



Grind box



Bank



Bank to Bank



Mini half pipe and 1/4 pipe

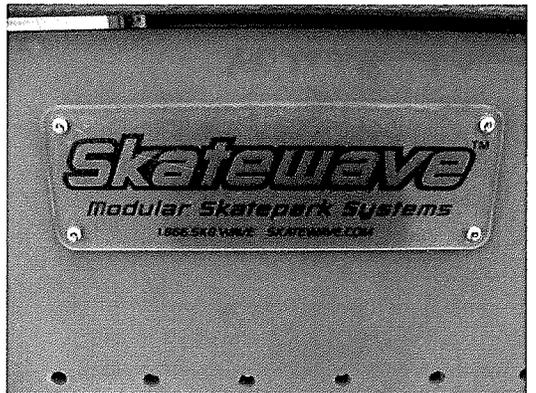
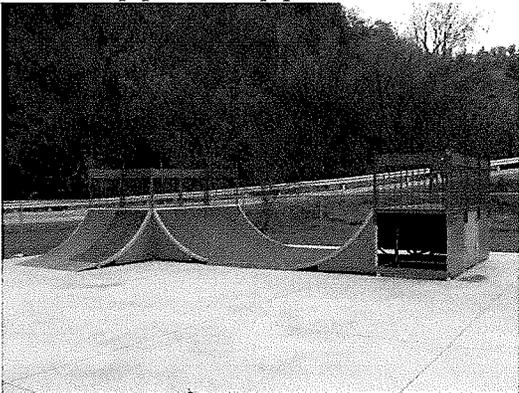
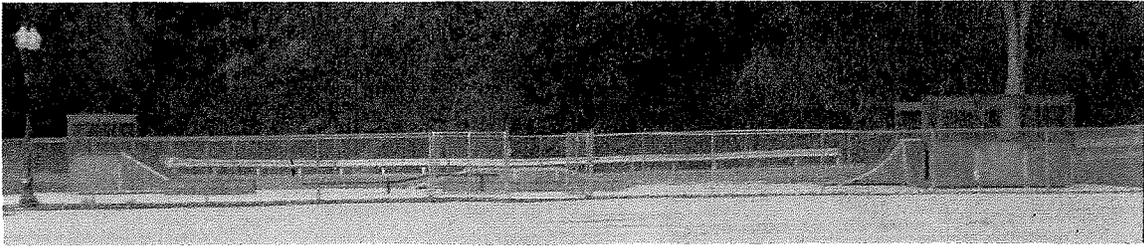


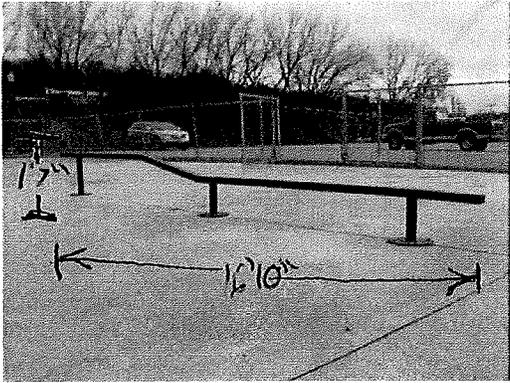
Exhibit "B"

City of  
Lanesboro  
Purchased in 2005 for \$35,700 (entire project: \$66,861.06)  
Accepting bids until 9/15/2015 at 3pm

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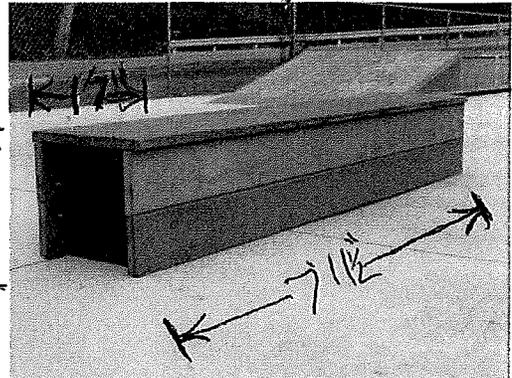


Rail



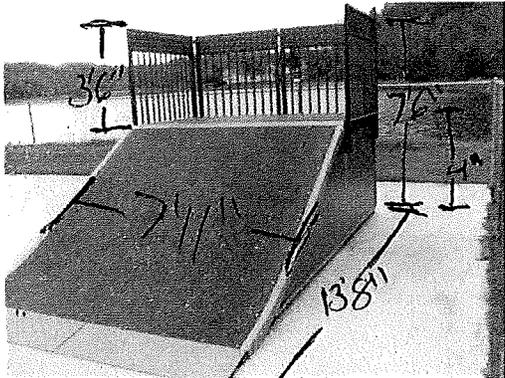
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Grind box

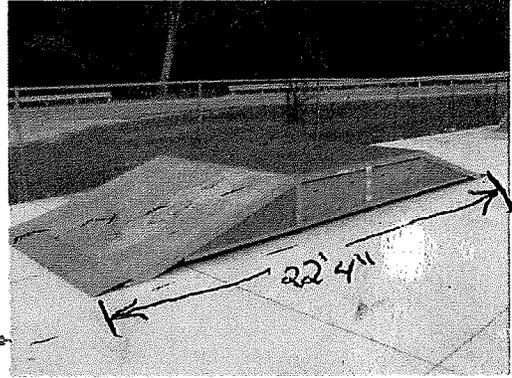


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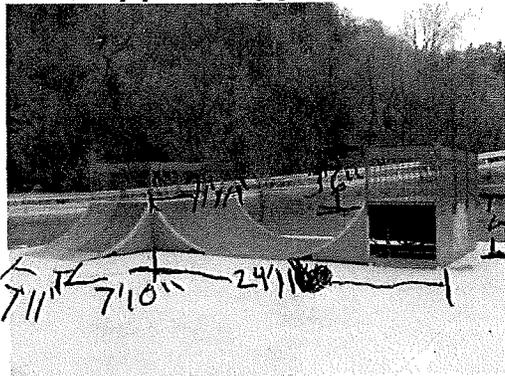
Bank



Bank to Bank



Mini half pipe and 1/4 pipe



2 1/2"

