

SANDS PARK CONTROL BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2019

A meeting of the Sands Park Control Board was held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

PRESENT: Erin Martin Pontiac, Jim Thompson, Jeff Mikula, Ron Stoneman

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Thad Taylor

CALL TO ORDER.

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Jim Thompson, second by Erin Martin Pontiac to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote – all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION** by Erin Martin Pontiac, second by Jim Thompson to approve the minutes from June 11, 2018 as presented. Voice vote – all in favor, motion carried. Recording Secretary will check with the City Attorney to see if minutes need to be approved by board action; allowing minutes to be posted to the City’s website on a more timely basis. Draft minutes are routinely emailed to members following a meeting.
- b. Reuse of Sands Park – Thad Taylor was in attendance to discuss concepts for Sands Park and other school properties.

Ron Stoneman arrived at 11:20 a.m.

Discussed the facilities in Sands Park and the need for improvements and maintenance; housing limitations in the City of Manistee; Teen Center and Armory Youth Project; plans for Jefferson School property and pending millage request; and the number of parks in the City’s system. City Attorney has been requested to look at the reverter clause in the Sands Park deed and contact the heirs of the Sands family to discuss options to further develop this property.

CONSENSUS: As Chair of this Board Ron Stoneman will explore options when more information is received from the City Attorney. There is some concern about public perception, but these discussions show a collaboration between the City and the School.

OLD BUSINESS.

- a. Define Future Capital Improvements – This item will be tabled to a future agenda in light of the earlier discussion regarding Sands Park. Mikula noted that the City had no funds budgeted for capital improvements in Sands Park this year but discussed the need to close tennis courts as they have become unusable.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- None

ADJOURN.

MOTION by Jeff Mikula, second by Erin Martin Pontiac to adjourn at 11:57 a.m.

Cynthia J. Lokovich, CAP, OM
Executive Secretary