



NOVI PARKS  
FOUNDATION

## Novi Parks Foundation Board Minutes

**January 27, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by President Dave Landry

**Present:** Jeff Muck, Dave Landry, Rachel Zagaroli, Harry Torimoto, Charley Staab, Kim Capello, Sheel Desai

**Absent:** Randy Balconi, Adam Czap, Jennifer Degen, Brian Adams

**Agenda:** Motion by Kim, second by Charley to accept the January 27, 2020 agenda

**Minutes:** Motion by Kim, second by Sheel to accept the November 18, 2019 minutes

**Treasurers Report:** Sheel gave the following report: PNC Checking: \$1,700, PNC Money Market: \$45,000, Soccer fund: \$42,000, Endowment: \$80,000, Naming Rights: \$ 305,000. Sheel and Rachel would like to investigate putting the various donations into separate accounts for better accounting. Sheel would also like to look into putting all accounts into one bank. He will check out the interest rates and also look at FICA rates. He will bring in a list of options to the next meeting so we can decide if we want to make changes.

### **Jeff's report:**

**Tim Pope** playground is finished and will have a dedication May 2. Lakeshore Park, Jeff passed around pictures of the improved walkways, picnic tables all are Handicapped accessible. There is no boat landings. Pavilion Shore frontage has new rock put in by the patio. The building at Lakeshore will only have Parks & Rec and Library programs and they can take up to 100 kids for camp. The pavilion the Lions built is gone and a new one is going up.

**Villa Barr Strategic Plan:** Moving forward to having some visioning sessions for Villa Barr, talking about the future of the park. There are many concepts going around so they will try to narrow it down. A consultant has been hired and will work the visioning sessions. Deputy Ringle will have charge of this project.

**Naming Rights target list:** Jeff acquired a list of about 16 companies that have received tax abatements and they will be the targets for investing in the city. He also has other names. There will be a sub-committee formed to see how to get the companies

involved in Naming Rights. Dave volunteered to be part of the sub-committee and Charley and Kim. Jeff would also like to be on the committee. Dave suggested an early morning meeting at Moe's. Motion by Kim to create a Naming Rights sub-committee, second by Harry. Motion carried. Rachel will have the naming rights marketing brochure ready.

**Recreation Center:** Jeff spoke about the plans for a new recreation center and to see if they will get it on the ballot for August but that is a very small window. Plans are still up in the air, but the committee brought up quite a few ideas. A survey is out in the community now and when that gets back staff will meet and go over the results. Still to be announced will be the operations of the building and who will run it. Most municipal centers are run by staff not management companies. Charley wondered if the March meeting would be a good time to discuss the promotion of the playground.

**Matters for action:** Rachel reported we received the \$5000 check from Holzer.

**Reappointment** of some of the board took place in December, Staab, Capello, Landry, Balconi and Torimoto and Rachel's contract was again renewed. The food trucks are happy to come back, we want the slider truck but would like to have something else also. Rachel will contact the company. Andy from Novi Fine Wines would like to bring other types of alcohol to Pour on the Shore, like Gin, Vodka, etc. He also wanted to bring whiskey however Calvin from Novi Party Store is committed to bring the bourbon again. The committee feels he should only bring one other spirit along with his wine and beer. He also must have a licensed person to pour. Kim suggested Blair Bowman may have someone to bring tequila. All notices have been sent out to the breweries, to date we have 4, Dave asked to have North Center Brewery in Northville to be invited. Sponsor letters are done and going out soon. Rachel added to the sponsor list the opportunity to sponsor the shuttle bus. Millennium did the shuttle buses last year. We received a \$300 donation from A&R Plumbing for bat houses and 5 were purchased and they have been put up at Villa Barr Art Park and Lakeshore Park.

#### **Roundtable:**

Waiting to hear from ITC about Naming Rights. The Donate Now button has been fixed. Dave informed the board that Farmington has on loan 3 pieces from Villa Barr and its been around 2-3 years. It was a one year contract and now we need to look at getting them back. It needs to be decided on where we should put them once we do have them back. Jeff will contact Farmington.

Motion to adjourn by Charley, second by Kim. Motion carried

Rachel Zagaroli, Novi Parks Foundation