



NOVI PARKS  
FOUNDATION

## Novi Parks Foundation Board Minutes

**January 14, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by President Dave Landry

**Present:** Jennifer Degen, Jeff Muck, Brian Adams, Dave Landry, Rachel Zagaroli

**Absent:** Randy Balconi, Kim Capello, Karen Taracks, Adam Czap, Charlie Staab, Harry Torimoto, Julie Garavaglia

**Agenda:** Due to the lack of a quorum, the agenda could not be approved, they will be approved at the March meeting

**Minutes:** Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes could not be approved, they will be approved at the March meeting

**Treasurers Report:** Due to Karen's illness she could not attend but sent both a Profit and Loss report and a Balance sheet comparison. The board that was present reviewed the reports and Dave asked if anyone had any question. Rachel will include the reports when she sends out the January minutes.

**Naming Rights:** the 5<sup>th</sup> and last installment from ITC for \$50,000 was deposited with \$40,000 in Naming Rights, \$5,000 in Endowment and \$5,000 in Admin. A thank you was sent to ITC. It was decided that Dave and Jeff will meet to form a strategy before asking for continued support.

**Jeff's report:** Jeff spoke about the Tim Pope Playground and a funding request. The structure needs to be replaced and the grant Parks and Recreation did not go through. The City has budgeted \$259,000 towards the project. The grant was written for \$150,000 because that is how much it would cost in addition to the city's amount to totally replicate the playground the way it is now. The wish of the Tim Pope family is to keep it the same as it is. Jeff sent around designs of the playground. The wooden slats that has the donor's names on it will stay. It will be good to let ITC know that the money they have donated has been spread around to many projects. The playground was built in 1997 so really needs work. Jeff also suggested the Foundation launch a campaign to match donations to help with restorations. The Foundation will set an amount and we would then match that amount. Tim Pope was a city council member and passed away in a car accident. A great way to involve community and the Foundation

working together. Dave and Jeff will meet to discuss where the Foundation can come in and help with projects.

**Council goal setting:** Council set a few goals they would like to see done: the ITC trail connection at 10 Mile completed, Wildlife Woods, the park by Catholic Central, Village Wood Lake Park. Long term goal is a recreation center, more strategies for seniors to age in place. The City already does fall prevention and Meals on Wheels but looking at additional strategies. Another longterm goal is to have a park where all seniors could walk to, it's about a mile now but needs to be shorter. Starting a renewal of the Master Plan, need it for grants. Have already picked a firm to put together. Moving forward on Lakeshore Park and been notified all that the park and beach will be closed this summer. Response has been good

**Bourbon Sampling:** Calvin will be coming to Pour on the Shore and will be bringing 4-5 bourbons. ½ pouring will be one punch and 1 oz will be 2 two punches, he is also bringing a raffle prize for a bottle of bourbon. The flyer will list all the sponsors and breweries.

**Food Trucks:** Dave spoke to Kim Capello and he has volunteered to work with the food trucks. Rachel has given Dave all the information about the food trucks and he will give that to Kim. Kim feels that there should be more food for Blair to consider being a sponsor. Dave will also give Kim a deadline. We need to know by the March meeting so a vote can be taken.

**Sponsor letters:** letters are ready to go out.

**E-mail vote:** an email vote went out for change in the scholarship information. The vote was 9 yes and 1 no response. The information is on both the City and Foundation websites. There are quite a few responses.

**Renewal for the Office Program 365** Rachel computer was \$69.99. the renewal program was \$199.69 but doesn't need to be done.

**New shuttle buses:** Millennium will be our shuttles this year making a continuous run. He gave us a good price and we will give him 2 tickets.

We need to have more security, going to start with Chief Mallory, working on music and breweries.

**Roundtable:** Brian went through Villa Barr and really thought it was great.

**Next meeting dates:** May 13, 2019

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 by Jennifer second by Brian. Carried.

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Rachel Zagaroli  
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