**WADENA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Monday, June 5, 2017**

**5:30 p.m.**

**McNair Park**

**Large Enclosure**

**1st Ave SW**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Ackerson, Ardith Car, Tara Erckenbrack, Raye Ludovissie Jim Runyan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Barbara Holmes, City Clerk/Treasurer; Matt Uselman, Public Works Manager

**STAFF ABSENT**: Michael Madsen, Fire Chief; Gary Rosenthal, Liquor Store Manager; Cory Carr, Police Chief:

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Marlo Benning, Verndale Sun; Bill Hess, Historical Society; Lynn Erickson

There was discussion on where the structure that would house the Grist Mill Model and the Horse Drawn Fire Engine was going to be erected. Removing the Horse Shoe pit was discussed, as they aren’t used much. The structure would be visible from the highway. There was concern about losing green space at the park. It was mentioned that people see the caboose so having the structure next to the caboose would make it visible, especially with the structure being lighted. It was mentioned that the structure needs to be 50 feet from the train tracks. The priority spot would be where the horse shoe pit is now if it can work. The number two spot would be the other section that was marked by the monument on Farwell. The rest of the park is usable park space. Hess stated he would like the number one spot to be the section marked by the monument on Farwell Street. On the NW side of the park there is a little bit of an elevation issue for the structure. The structure would definitely be within the setbacks since it would be on the inside of the caboose. Having the structure close to the equipment might get kids to go look at it. The railroad company needs to come and verify the setbacks for either location. There was no one present that expressed opposition towards building the structure.

The public hearing was closed at 6:03 pm by Mayor Raye Ludovissie.

**Submitted by: Attest:**

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Melissa Current, Deputy Clerk Ray Ludovissie, Mayor