

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2013

PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on April 16, 2013 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Youth Center. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board Members Bill Baldwin, Steve Haines, Larry Ladd, Curt Hermann, Jerry Frush & Michelle Boxell. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Staci Young & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Woody Zimmerman, Lake City Radio

CALL TO ORDER: Board President Baldwin called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 19, 2013 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Superintendent Plummer reported that April 8, Dogwood Hills planted Maple trees along Canal Street to replace the Ash trees that were removed earlier in the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Superintendent Plummer welcomed Curt Hermann to the board and introductions were completed. Hermann was sworn in by Plummer.

Woody Zimmerman, General Manager of Lake City Radio, presented to the Board a request to hold the "Willie Chili Dog" event at Central Park, one day per month from May through September. It was recommended that they use the West Shelter in Central Park and it was approved on a motion by Board Member Haines to allow the rental of the West Shelter one Wednesday per month for the event at no charge, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Maintenance Director Gardner reviewed the 2013 playground audit, pointing out there were five "priority one" hazards, those having the potential to cause serious injury or death. One of the five was at Kiddieland and has already been addressed and corrected. The other four "priority one" hazards are in regard to the two tall spiral slides at Center Lake Beach and Richardson Dubois park. They were installed in 1973 and are no longer able to be updated to be safety compliant. Gardner asked the Board for opinions on how to proceed. It was recommended by the Board that the department keep the slides in place as long as the Certified Playground Safety Inspection staff feels they are safe and replace the equipment when budget allows. Superintendent Plummer reported he hopes to include it in the 2014 or 2015 budget.

Park Superintendent reports to the Board the Pike Lake Campground is open for the season. Prior to the park opening, the maintenance staff replaced all the fire extinguisher boxes, repaired floating piers, repairing holes, shoreline work and tree trimming.

In other matters, Recreation Director Young reported to the Board the Headliner for the 2013 Classic Rock Concert, Blue Oyster Cult, has cancelled and she is in the process of booking another band for the event. She is hoping to have an announcement in May in regard to the new band. The booking deposit will be returned to the Department.

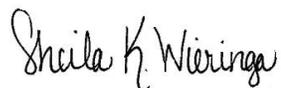
The 2013/2014 recreation guides are expected to be delivered the last week of April and will be inserted into the Times Union on May 3.

Mantis Skate Park opened for the season on April 12 and has had very high turnouts already. There were 23 skaters at the park all day Sunday.

There will be a neighborhood block party at McKinley Park Saturday. They will be shutting down part of Scott Street.

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila K. Wieringa".

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary