

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2013

PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on July 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: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 18, 2013 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Superintendent Plummer reported the 2014 budget has been turned in and will go before the Council mid-August.

On June 29, the Marine Riders of Michiana held a fundraiser at Fribley Field. They were able to raise \$3,500 for the National VFW Children's Home. The Young Tigers had concession sales and were able to donate an additional \$100. They will be presenting to the Board at a future meeting for future events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Director Young gave a report on the year's activities to date. She noted the summer has been very successful and weather has cooperated for the most part. She reviewed the handout provided. Please see attached.

Maintenance Director Gardner reported to the Board that over the last month the Department has been roofing the angled portion of the upper roof of the Center Lake Pavilion. The flat portion of the upper roof was contracted to Royalty Roofing and it was finished today.

Krebs Trailhead Park is made possible by collaboration between Butt Timmons Construction and the Park & Street Departments. Superintendent Plummer reported that the bids to contract out the entire job came in substantially over the amount of money that had been raised to construct the park, so the city department stepped in to alleviate some of the contracted work. The picnic shelter is built and is 28x26. The shell of the restroom building is up. Our Department electrician is running & installing all electric. Indiana American Water is donating installation of the water service. The Street Department will be installing sidewalks and curbs at the end of the project. There will also be replica section of the Interurban rail system on the property.

The restroom building at Beyer Park is down and a new building will be going up in August. There were two large trees near the site that had squirrel damage that were brought down today. All ground prep, electrical and sewer work will be completed by our department. All pieces that could be salvaged was taken out of the building and kept for future use.

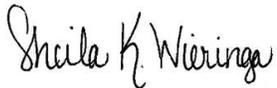
In other matters, President Baldwin inquired about the Tree City USA status for Warsaw. It was reported there was no status change.

Superintendent Plummer reported to the Board there was a situation at Pike Lake where a lifeguard was alerted by a young swimmer that a girl had gone off the diving board and did not resurface. The lifeguards immediately started diving and alerted dispatch, which sent out fire, police, ems, conservation officer and the dive team to respond. The dive team went in, physically scanned the area and executed sonar with no findings. All children on the beach and from the campground were accounted for, along with all the bikes at the beach. He reports there was very quick response time by all city personnel and the area was cleared.

The Department has acquired the former Indiana American Water building which sits directly to the West of the park office. There are plans to create a "boardwalk feel" down Buffalo Street, tying the downtown area with Center Lake and the Mayor would like the Board's ideas and input on what should be done with the area where the building currently sits. More information and maps will be available at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary