

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING September 17, 2013

PETE THORN CENTER ACTIVITIES ROOM 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on September 17, 2013 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Center Activities Room. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board Members Bill Baldwin, Steve Haines, Larry Ladd, Rick Paczkowski, 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 August 20, 2013 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Maintenance Director Gardner reported that Krebs Trailhead park is completed. Nipsco will be planting trees in October, prior to the ribbon cutting and lane striping will likely be done after the ribbon cutting.

Maintenance Director Gardner also reported to the Board that Beyer Park Restrooms are complete and open through the end of the season. New sidewalks were also poured from the parking lot to the restroom building and playground.

Discussion was held between members in regard to the possible uses for the newly acquired land from Indiana American Water Company. Board Members were encouraged to continue contemplation in regard to the topic for future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Director Young gave a report on the current activities as well as activities that have recently ended as follows:

The Friday Evening Concert Series ended August 23 with strong attendance throughout the weeks.
Community canoeing completed August 24 with 298 total participants over the course of the dates held.
Party in the Plaza, geared toward teens, was held September 7 in downtown Warsaw, with 150 teens in attendance.
Beaches are now closed for the season. She reported it being a good season with very few incidents.
Skate park is also closed for the season. She reported attendance being much higher this year versus last year.
Zumba Session I is currently running, with a second session in October/November.
There are beginning & intermediate/advanced workshops scheduled Saturday for Fly-fishing, which are full.
Fall Family Fun will be held at Lucerne Park October 11.

In other matters, Recreation Director invited the Board to the 2013 IPRA meeting which will be held October 16 at the Center Lake Pavilion.

Board President Baldwin requested an update on Tree City USA status.

Superintendent Plummer brought to the attention of the Board that there is discussion between the Pike Lake Association and DNR for DNR to begin leasing the Pike Lake Boat Ramp from the City. Currently the city must obtain permits from DNR to place fill in the prop wash at the end of the ramp. If the DNR were to lease the ramp, they would become responsible for that, as well as many other costly improvements that would be completed within 2 years. There may also be money available from DNR to repave the parking lot. Center Lake & Kiwanis Boat Ramps are both currently leased to the DNR.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary