

## MINUTES

### PARK BOARD MEETING

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### FIREMAN'S BUILDING 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:15 PM at the Fireman's Building. Attendance was noted as follows:

**PRESENT:** Board Members Bill Baldwin, Steve Haines, Michelle Boxell, Larry Ladd, Rick Paczkowski & Council Representative Diane Quance. Also present: Mayor Joe Thallemer, Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Recreation Director Liz McKinley.

**ABSENT:** Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner

**GUESTS:** Deb Patterson, InkFreeNews, Representatives from Young Tiger Football, Jo Paczkowski

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Paczkowski, seconded by Board Member Ladd, all in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Supt. Plummer reported \$2,169 was donated by Young Tigers from concessions at the Central Park Christmas Display. Plummer also noted that McDonalds, Wal-Mart, IU Goshen Health, Hodgepodge and Maple Leaf donated toward the display.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Thallemer gave the Oath of Office for Board Member Rick Paczkowski to serve another term on the board as the Library representative.

Mayor Thallemer gave an update on the Indiana American Water property (owned by the City) and the Buffalo St. Project. He informed the board that soil samples were being conducted to see what potentially the land could withstand structurally. He informed the board that plans haven't been completed and the Park Board would be involved when the plans were more concrete.

Election of Board officers was held and Bill Baldwin was nominated to serve as President. Motion made by Steve Haines seconded by Michelle Boxell, all in favor. Steve Haines was nominated to serve as Vice President. Motion made by Rick Paczkowski seconded by Larry Ladd, all in favor.

Representatives of Young Tiger Football had several requests of the Board. Carl Sower asked the board for permission to construct an adjacent storage garage on the south side of the field. He said that Lowe's will donate the material. Board member Haines made the motion to approve and seconded by member Boxell, all in favor. Carl also requested approval of the Board for a jumbotron to show a ND football game in September or October. Young Tigers would be responsible for the proper permits for the event and all concession proceeds would be donated to the Park and Recreation Department. Board member Boxell made a motion to approve, seconded by member Ladd, all in favor. Carl Sowers, Allan Ross and Mark Stamper requested permission of the board to install lights at Fribley Field. Young Tigers would fund raise for all cost involved and be responsible for all electric costs to run the lights. Member Ladd asked for an expected time frame and Sowers responded two to three years. Member Paczkowski asked about future costs to operate and Sowers was confident that the league would be able to sustain the costs. Council Representative Quance asked Sowers to check with the church for potential liability when using their parking lot for night games. Superintendent Plummer also asked that if approved be mindful of the neighborhood when having games and keep the noise from the press box to a minimum. Motion to approve was made by board member Haines seconded by Boxell all in favor.

Superintendent Plummer handed out a 2015 Project Matrix for the boards' information. This matrix showed the projects, source of funding, source of workforce and timetable for projects to be completed.

Superintendent Plummer gave an update on winter projects. He informed the board that all 400 picnic tables, bike racks, lifeguard chairs, trash receptacles, benches, portable stages would be refurbished. Also restroom painting at park facilities would be completed as well as snow removal from municipal lots.

In other matters, Park Board President Baldwin informed the board that he, Recreation Director McKinley and Superintendent Plummer met with members of the Chamber to discuss potential sponsors for park events.

Guest Jo Paczkowski requested that the park hour signs be looked at. She would like to see the signs state the open hours of the parks instead of the closed hours. She also had some concerns other signage as well. Superintendent Plummer requested she forward her ideas and a funding source and he would look into the matter.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by board member Boxell, seconded by board member Paczkowski, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Plummer  
Superintendent of Parks and Recreation