

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING
FIREMENS BUILDING
April 21, 2015, 5:15 P.M.

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on April 21, 2015 at 5:15 PM at the Firemens 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: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Liz McKinley & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Danielle Brown, Renea Salyer, Fran Kelsey, Ethan Cook, Tim Dombrosky, George Blessing, Aaron Scantlen & James Bausch.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Danielle Brown was again in attendance with an update on the ability to obtain & use eco-friendly balloons for the scheduled fundraiser & balloon release in memory of Ava Sizemore June 6, 2015. The Board agreed that a balloon release (eco-friendly balloons only) was acceptable if a patron rented a shelter.

Renea Salyer & Fran Kelsey, on behalf of Kiwanis Club, approached the Board with the idea of constructing a Memory Garden for Lost Children at Kiwanis Park. The garden consists of a specific statue, benches, flowers and other beautification items. The club would fund the initial cost for the statue, benches and landscaping, with the Park Department providing installation labor. After construction, the garden would be dedicated to the City of Warsaw and fall under the Park Department to maintain. As the memory garden is still in the approval & planning stages with Kiwanis, Renea asked for secondary approval for a simple beautification project to be completed by Kiwanis, if the memory Garden was to fall through. In one motion, the project was approved on a motion by Board member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski, all in favor.

The DNR boat ramp project at Pike Lake is fully approved and they are currently ordering the materials to begin construction. Time frame has not been set yet, however it will be between July and October of 2015. They will be constructing a new boat ramp which will be ADA compliant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ethan Cook, Student at Warsaw High School & member of KYLA, approached the Board to ask permission to hold a Mile Swim, similar to the Aqua Mile, on July 25, 2015 from 7-11 a.m. at Center Lake. Proceeds from registration & donations will go to support "Water for Good", which builds, repair & maintains public wells in Africa, providing clean water to those who have none. Request was approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

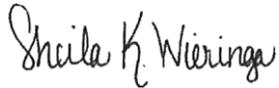
Tim Dombrosky, George Blessing, Aaron Scantlen & James Bausch presented to the Board the idea of placing a disc golf course at Lucerne Park (map attached). It would be constructed in 2 phases, the front 9 holes, and later the back 9. The back 9 does run through some wetlands that is already City owned and some small tree clearing would be necessary. The initial cost of the baskets & installation would be raised through sponsorships & donations. It was requested the idea be tabled until the next meeting to allow the Board Members time to research other courses, liability issues, etc.

Superintendent Plummer presented to the Board a request from Marci Franks, Director of Food & Nutrition Services at Warsaw Community Schools, to provide the free lunch program at Bixler Shelter, Monday through Friday from June 8 through July 31. Request was approved on a motion by Board Member Paczkowski, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor.

In other matters, Recreation Director McKinley provided a handout of the secured 2015 sponsorships.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary