



MINUTES

**City of Warsaw
Parks and Recreation Board
Monthly Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Firemen's Building**

In Attendance:

Bill Baldwin; Diane Quance; Heather Frazier; Joe Thallemer; Larry Ladd;
Larry Plummer; Rick Paczkowski; Shaun Gardner; Sheila Wieringa; Steve
Haines

Not In Attendance:

Michelle Boxell

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Superintendent Plummer advised that due to only have 2 votes rather than the required 3 votes on the topic of recommending/not recommending a non-smoking ordinance to the City Council, another vote would need to take place. In addition to another vote, corrections would also need to be made to the July Minutes to reflect these changes.

A motion to amend the July minutes was approved by Board Member Paczkowski and seconded by Board Member Ladd.

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Move: Rick Paczkowski Second: Larry Ladd Status: Passed

III.UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.No Smoking in the Parks

While going over July's minutes, Superintendent Plummer advised that after speaking to Attorney Valentine and due to Indiana Code 36-10-3-8(d): (A Majority of the members constitutes a quorum. Action of the board is not official unless it is authorized by at least three (3) members present and acting), another vote on either recommending a non-smoking ordinance to the City Council or not recommending it to the Council is needed. The July vote on the issue, only had 2 votes, rather than the required 3.

A motion to recommend a non-smoking ordinance to the City Council was denied by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Baldwin.

After the vote had taken place, Board Members agreed that due to enforcement issues a non-smoking ordinance was not feasible. However, did agree that adding signage throughout all parks would help regulate or even self-police the issue. Superintendent Plummer advised that the next step, if signage is approved, would be to look at the correct verbage to use on the signs.

A motion to approve signage in the parks was approved by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Ladd.

Amended 9/20/16: A motion to not provide a recommendation of a no smoking ban and/or ordinance to the City Council was presented by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Baldwin.

A motion to recommend a non-smoking ordinance to the City Council was denied by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Baldwin, all in favor.

Amended 9/20/16: A motion to not provide a recommendation of a no smoking ban and/or ordinance to the City Council was presented by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Baldwin. In a vote 4-0, the recommendation was passed.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Bill Baldwin Status: Passed

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Project Updates

Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner advised that the playground and workout equipment was successfully installed at Lucerne Park. There has been numerous individuals from the community that have contacted the Park's Department and expressed how they enjoyed the new equipment. The new toddler swing has been a hit for many at the park as well. Superintendent Plummer informed the board that after additional inspections on the large swing set at Lucerne, the poles have appeared to severely rusted and corroded. Due to safety measures, he was asking for the board's approval to remove that equipment from Lucerne park.

A motion to approve the removal of the large swing set at Lucerne Park was approved by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski.

A new shelter at Bixler Park is in progress. For the most part, the structure itself is almost complete with just the cement foundation needed. This will give the public an additional shelter to rent for special events during the summer park season.

After several weeks of cleaning, trimming, and weeding park staff has completed the Greenway Trail. Additional board replacement will take place, most likely this fall, and will continue to happen on a yearly basis as needed. Superintendent Plummer advised that KCH in collaboration with Brandon Cordell, Stormwater Inspector, are working to make improvements to help prevent wash out on the trails. Board Member Diane Quance informed the Board that the ribbon cutting for the Greenway Trail will be taking place on September 9, 2016, at 9am.

A motion to approve the removal of the large swing set at Lucerne Park was approved by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Rick Paczkowski Status: Passed

2.Activity Reports

Recreation Director Sheila Wieringa informed the Board that events and activities are starting to slow down for the season. The country concert was a huge hit with an estimated 7,500 people in attendance along with numerous vendors. The family carnival was also a hit as there were 1290 tickets and 552 punch cards sold with about 2,500 people attending the event.

The Mantis Skate Park recently had their last skate competition and had roughly 6 competitors total. Director Wieringa advised she is currently working with skate park staff to help make some positive changes and try to gain some more community involvement in the skate park itself.

3.Ice Rink/ Office Proposal

Superintendent Plummer reminded the board that at the last Park Board Meeting, it was approved to put together an ADHOC committee, which would help steer the project and possibility of an Ice Rink/Office proposal at Central Park. The ADHOC committee has been formed with numerous park board members, park staff, city officials, and community leaders to help determine the need, location, and any pros and cons reference the Ice Rink and Park Office Project.

Ultimately, Superintendent Plummer would like to see the Ice Rink/Park Office remain in Central Park as the ideal location. The Ice Rink would replace the Center Lake Pavilion and ideally would basically use the same footprint as the Pavilion, which would leave most, if not all, current green space at the park available for public use.

Superintendent Plummer asked for the Board's approval in moving forward with the process. This would include getting cost studies, architectural help, and a community assessment of the Ice Rink and Park Office proposal. Superintendent Plummer reinforced that due to the Buffalo Street project, which is projected to start within a few months, this would be an ideal time to incorporate and update Central Park with new features such as an Ice Rink and including a new park office, which will be demolished during the Buffalo Project.

A motion to approve moving forward with the proposal was approved by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Baldwin.

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Move: Larry Ladd Second: Bill Baldwin Status: Passed

V.OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Mayor Joseph Thallemer thanked the Park Board for both their support and involvement in the Stellar Community Initiative. Although disappointed that Warsaw was not chosen as the designee for the Stellar Community, the Mayor expressed that the process was overall beneficial for both the community and surrounding communities. Mayor Thallemer was impressed with how both Warsaw and Winona Lake joined forces and is hopeful to continue this teamwork in the future.

VI.MEETING REVIEW

VII.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Rick Paczkowski Status: Passed

VIII.