

## MINUTES

**City of Warsaw  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting (Parks)  
Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  
Council Chambers**

### In Attendance

Diane Quance; Jill Beehler; Larry Ladd; Larry Plummer; Michelle Boxell; Shaun Gardner; Sheila Wieringa; Steve Haines

### Not In Attendance

Heather Frazier

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

## II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

### 1. *Approval of July Minutes*

The July 2020, minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Beehler.

Move: Michelle Boxell Second: Jill Beehler Status: Passed

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. *Temporary Pickle Ball: Kelly Park Discussion*

Superintendent Plummer advised he was contacted by Butch Schapson, the individual who approached the Board last month in reference to converting the tennis courts at Kelly into to temporary pickle ball courts, with a few new ideas for the pickle ball courts. Plummer stated Butch asked about possibly converting the basketball courts at Kelly Park into temporary courts, if the tennis courts were not an option. Plummer informed the Board that approximately six months before the tennis courts were resurfaced and painted, so were the basketball courts. He then opened the discussion to the Board:

Jill Beehler advised she discussed the topic with a friend, whom both plays tennis and pickle ball. Her friend advised the tennis players do not want

their space taken but as a pickle ball player they would like more room. Beehler further advised she went to both Kelly Park and Bixler Park with an idea that maybe we could split the courts and have the pickle ball courts at Kelly Park and add one at Bixler Park.

Superintendent Plummer advised there was ample parking at Bixler Park to accommodate that and that is something which could be looked at for the next 5 year master plan. Plummer advised the new 5 year master plan process is set to begin next year. He furthermore advised the Bixler Park tennis courts seem to be used mostly in the afternoons or early evening hours where those who play pickle ball typically play early in the morning.

Michelle Boxell advised that based off the pictures she saw, where the temporary court tape was removed and residue was left, it makes her very hesitant to allow the use of the tape on any courts due to residue which was left behind. Boxell stated she understands Butch said they would use official court tape; however, until she can physically see what a court looks like after a seasons use, she is not comfortable moving forward with the use of temporary lines.

Park Board Vice President Larry Ladd stated he agreed with Board Member Boxell. He advised he contacted the City of Goshen and currently they do not have any courts, which are both pickle ball and tennis. He stated he checked with other municipalities and he was not able to find any other areas who had the multi-use courts. He too, went out to the High School and saw the remnants of the temporary tape along with the residue left.

A motion to both deny the use of temporary/permanent pickle ball courts at the basketball and tennis courts at Kelly Park along with table the discussion until the planning process of the 5 year master plan begins next year, was approved by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Tabled

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. *Kerr Park Update*

Superintendent Plummer advised they have made some good progress at Kerr Park. They have removed the existing playground and concrete,

trimmed the trees, and completed some grade work in preparation for the new playground equipment to be installed next spring. Additionally, new timbers for the new playground has been put in place. Our whole goal is to have the concrete, trash receptacles, and bench swings installed this this fall. So when spring comes, we can install the playground quicker. Once the playground is installed we will also update the landscaping.

## *2. Recreation Programming Report*

Recreation Director Wieringa reviewed previous programs and participation numbers. Wieringa advised she is very pleased with how everything has been going. Skate Park is still open for about 3 more weeks. Weiringa advised that the Fall and Christmas events this year will look different than previous years. For fall we are currently looking at an option of doing a trunk or treat but are still in the planning phase of this.

## *3. Maintenance Report*

Maintenance Director Gardner advised they completed the relocation of the irrigation lines in Central Park. Prior to and during the relocation of the irrigation lines, we were using Indiana American Water on an as needed basis. Where we were only watering our flower beds. However, even with reduced use our most recent bill was around \$1400. So we are extremely happy to have the irrigation hooked up where we can now use the lake water again to water Central Park as a whole.

We installed the swings at Kelly Park along with wood fiber. The new swings are a combination swing, where parents can swing with their kids. Rotary Park has had an irrigation system added. We tilled and re-seeded the area as well. We spent some time at Beyer Farm Trail, trimmed tree limbs and weeds.

## V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Superintendent Plummer advised he presented the park budget on August 3, 2020, to the Common Council. No issues were brought up, so he is hopeful they agreed with it. Plummer further advised Design Collaborative is continuing to work on the Pavilion designs.

## VI. MEETING REVIEW

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Frazier".

Heather Frazier  
Park Board Secretary