

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING March 15, 2011

6:15 PM – Center Lake Pavilion

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on March 15, 2011 at 6:15 PM at the Center Lake Pavilion instead of the Boggs Recreation Building. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Steve Haines, Bill Baldwin, Diane Quance, John Sadler, Toby Sumpter, and Dan Robinson. Also: Jon Garber, Staci Young, Larry Plummer, Jr., and Gail Bryan, Secretary.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Pat Brown, Sitescapes, Inc., Marci Franks, Dan Rumble, and Jennifer Peryam, Times-Union.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 15, 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Steve Haines, seconded by Toby Sumpter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supt. Garber advised the board that Earl Rogers has been hired to fill the campground manager position. He will begin his duties April 15.

NEW BUSINESS: Marci Franks, Dir. of Food Services for Warsaw Community Schools, was present to request permission to continue the free lunch program in the parks this summer. The program runs from June to August at Bixler Park and Lucerne Park. A motion was made and seconded to approve the program.

Dan Rumble, BMX operator, was present to update the board on last year's events and concerns. Parking for the upcoming national event which has grown is a major concern. They are asking permission to allow parking at various park properties. Discussion was had regarding insurance coverage for a non-professional to use equipment in preparing the site for the season. The board suggested he check with the city insurance agent for advice.

Staci Young, Activities Director, asked for approval of program fees for the 2011 season. No program fees have increased and she is using a total cost recovery approach in applying fees. The fees were approved on a motion by Steve Haines, seconded by Toby Sumpter.

Larry Plummer, Parks Director, gave a progress report on playground equipment safety. All priority- one concerns are being addressed and corrected. Plummer also noted that the staff is working on painting, electrical and other upkeep at the Pete Thorn Center.

In other matters, it was noted that the April meeting will return to the Boggs Bldg. at the usual time of 5:15 PM.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Steve Haines, seconded by Toby Sumpter.

Results of the survey are in and tabulated for the public input meeting which follows.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bryan
Secretary