

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING
December 20, 2011

5:15 PETE THORN CENTER

The Warsaw Park & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on December 20, 2011 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Center.

Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board President Bill Baldwin, Board Members Steve Haines, Diane Quance, John Sadler and Michelle Boxell. Also present: Park Superintendent Jon Garber, Parks Director Larry Plummer, Activities Director Staci Young, and Secretary Carol Raisler.

ABSENT: Board Member Dan Robinson

GUESTS: Park employee Shaun Gardner and Jennifer Peryam, Times-Union.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 15, 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Sadler, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Park Supt. Garber presented a letter from City Attorney Mike Valentine recommending that no insurance requirements be included in the lease agreement for the rental of the Pete Thorn Gymnasium. A motion was made by Board Member Sadler to omit an insurance clause in the lease agreement, seconded by Board Member Haines.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Baldwin put forth the election of the 2012 Parks and Recreation Board Officers. Board Member Sadler recommended making no changes to the Board, seconded by Board Member Haines, all in favor. Retained as officers for 2012 were Bill Baldwin, President and John Sadler, Vice President.

Park Supt. Garber requested that the 2012 Rental Agreement between the City of Warsaw Park Department and the Council on Aging and Aged remain the same in the New Year. An increase was approved at the September 20, 2011 Board Meeting when the Council on Aging and Aged began occupying more square footage. The current agreement is for \$12,636/yr or \$1053/mth. Motion made by Board Member Haines to carry the fees over into 2012, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

In other matters, Activities Director Staci Young recapped the season of Christmas programming. The first "Light up the Night" event held December 2nd, to create a celebration around the lighting of the Holiday Light Display, brought in record numbers to the Park. The Christmas Countdown held on Friday, December 16th brought approximately 600 people, including 250-300 children each receiving a goodie bag. For the "Letter from Santa" program, 55 letters were received from children and responses were mailed from "Santa". Stacy Young also presented the Board with the new 2012 Sponsorship Guides that have been distributed to the 2011 sponsors.

Board President Baldwin wanted to thank Park Superintendent Jon Garber, on behalf of himself and all the Board members, for the great job he has done and for his many years of service with the Parks Department. Park Supt. Garber will be retiring the first of the year after 43 years of service to the City. Park Superintendent Garber expressed his thanks and stated it was an honor to have serviced the community. A retirement party will be held on December 29th at the Park Office from 3-6.

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Sadler.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol Raisler
Secretary