

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

July 17, 2012

PETE THORN YOUTH CENTER 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on July 17, 2012 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Youth Center. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board President Bill Baldwin, Board Members Dan Robinson, Steve Haines & Michelle Boxell, Council Member Jerry Frush. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Staci Young & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

ABSENT: Board Member John Sadler

GUESTS: Lakes Festival Committee Representative Anna Burke

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The June 19, 2012 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Park Board President Baldwin reported on the Tree City USA Round Table Meeting that was held July 12, 2012 at the Center Lake Pavilion. He reported 15-20 people in attendance and the State Forrester who led discussion was Pam Louke. She will be working with Park Supt. Plummer and the Tree City USA board to view the city and help start a plan and make recommendations.

Anna Burke presented the executive summary from the 2012 North Indiana Lakes Festival. Please see attached. Anna Also requested approval from the board to schedule the 2013 North Indiana Lakes Festival for June 8, 2013. Motion to approve by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Robinson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Haines briefed the Board on the request by the local unions to use Central Park on Labor Day to host their annual picnic. They will be using both shelters and the open area. This picnic is open to the public and hotdogs, chips and drinks will be served. They will also have a band and air walks and will give away bicycles for the children. Permission from the union must still be obtained. Motion to approve the use of Central Park by the local unions for the Labor Day picnic by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Robinson.

Recreation Director Young gave a report on the current activities as follows:

- Blues and BBQ concert featuring Janiva Magness was July 6, 2012. It was reported the temperature reached 105 that day. Estimated attendance was 600-800 people.
- Art camp is continuing to have strong attendance with 18-20 children per week. On August 7, 2012 from 7-8pm, the children will have an art show where their projects will be on display.
- Session 2 swim lessons began July 16, 2012 with 33 children registered.
- June 26, 2012 was the Girls Night Out event with 34 participants. It is a spa themed event with a positive self-image message.
- July 10, 2012 was the Dino Dig event with 21 children participating.

In upcoming events:

- July 20, 2012 is the County concert featuring Tyler Farr and Neal McCoy.
- August 3, 2012 is the Family Carnival. There will be free entertainment and activities along with some paid activities for the children to win prizes.

Recreation Director Young also gave a report on the Ride Walk Warsaw Winona Lake progress. Along Smith Street and Winona Avenue the first of the bike lanes have been laid and signage is on the way and will be installed when received. There is a public open house on July 26, 2012 to receive community feedback.

Park Supt. Plummer relayed to the Board the entertainment permits for the year have been obtained. He reported this was the first year the Park Department has been required to pay for permits. Request for permits was submitted by Plummer May 30, 2012 and Monday before the Blues & BBQ concert Plummer was instructed he must remit payment for the permits with the request. The Fire Marshall completed his inspection of the concert site and did not find any violations; however since we did not receive permits, the Department was required to have two Firemen on scene. Payment was sent the following Monday and was received certified Thursday. Jim Straws, State Fire Marshall inspected all of the Park owned buildings and facilities July 17 and everything passed and is permitted.

Park Supt. Plummer reported on the storm damage from the June 30, 2012 storm. Plummer reported being in Chicago at the time and that Maintenance Director Gardner took charge and directed the employees on clean up. Nine trees were lost throughout the grounds and no structural damage was reported. A claim has been submitted to insurance for replacement of the lost trees.

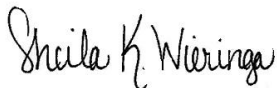
In other matters, Park Supt. Plummer reported to the Board there were another 86 geese caught in the last month which brings the total for 2012 to 185 and an additional 300 eggs were oiled.

Park Supt. Plummer also updated the Board on the Boggs Building purchase, stating at the July 6, 2012 Board of Public Works meeting, the bid was accepted, pending inspections which are to be completed July 26, 2012. Title work is being competed and the draft has been given to Mayor Thallemer.

Board President Baldwin requested an update on the progress being made on the loitering and vandalism at Central park. Park Supt. Plummer reported a huge improvement has been made with no complaints or incidents recently.

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 Haines.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheila Wieringa
Secretary