

Minutes of Board MeetingJune 17, 2013

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sue Fortman, Tom Ogden, Victor Dance, Norm Campbell, Ed Dodds, George Granholt, Dave Smith, Robert Barker and Teresa Kovacich.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Victor Dance and seconded by Tom Ogden.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Sue Fortman and seconded by Dave Smith.

New Business:

Board members were presented with a copy of the 2014 budget proposal. Salary percentage requests were the same as in past years with the exception of three employees who Bob Barker felt deserved a larger percentage of raise due to work performance and years of service. Those employees were Teresa Kovacich, Adam Bruner and Richard DeLay. Social Security, PERF and Group Insurance have increased by set percentages. A request for \$75,000.00 for the county's share of the walk bridge replacement at the Decatur County Park is also included in the proposal. Bob Barker has also contacted Mayor Gary Herbert and asked that the City appropriate that amount as well in their 2014 budget. A request was also made for a new copier. Our existing copier was purchased in 2000 and repair parts are now obsolete. Following further discussion of the budget, Victor Dance made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. Tom Ogden seconded the motion.

Letters of Communication:

The Decatur County Tiger Sharks thanked the Board for their continued support of their organization.

Superintendent's Report:

Special Olympics are now using Kohler Memorial Park for softball on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

The Tree City Classics Car Club has their annual car show scheduled at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park on Sunday, June 30.

Girls and boys tournaments have been held recently at the Decatur County Youth Sports Complex.

We have rented to park house to Chris Bishop. He will be paying \$150.00 weekly. Bob Barker told the Board that he recommends that we add a small storage building for the renter to use.

Letters have been sent to both the boys' and girls' baseball leagues notifying them that vehicles are not to be parked in the driveway area no that we have a new tenant moving in.

The Optimist Club will be using our tables and chairs for their food booth at the fair again this year.

Camp Rainbow is underway with fifteen campers participating this year. An additional staff member was hired this summer in anticipation of more campers wanting to attend this year. Brianna Kraushar helped to finalize the calendar and it is filled with several activities to keep them busy during the three week camp.

We are still trying to collect the rent owed by David and Tammy Stuckey. We have hired Tammy to work three days per week at the County Park. In return she has agreed to pay a portion (60%) of her check to the Decatur County Clerk to satisfy their debt.

The maintenance staff has been busy keeping up with all of the mowing. Ron Bruner and Joe King have been hired to help us out on a part time basis.

Teresa has been busy planted flowers at various parks. Vanderbur's Greenhouse donated some of their leftover flowers to us as they were preparing to close the greenhouse for the season.

A set of three-row bleachers has been removed from Shriver Field. After checking with various people to see if they had been loaned out, it was determined that they had been stolen. Bob went to the recycling company and asked if anyone had turned them in as scrap metal. As of today, we have had no luck in finding them.

A new safety fence/gate has been installed around the stairway leading to boiler room door at the Parks Department building. Indiana Wire was contracted to complete the project for us.

A concerned tax payer phoned the office this afternoon and told us that some kids were jumping off of the blue bridge into the County Park Lake. She was concerned that someone would be injured and that the County would be facing a lawsuit. She asked that we post signs on the bridge telling visitors that jumping from the bridge or swimming in the lake is not permitted. Bob Barker told the Board that we would look into ordering the signs and getting them posted on the bridge.

The July meeting is scheduled during fair week. It was decided that the meeting would be moved to 12Noon at the Decatur County Park.

With no further business to discuss, Tom Ogden made a motion to adjourn. Victor Dance seconded the motion.