Minutes of Board Meeting……………………………………………………………………………..February 15, 2016

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sue Fortman, Sharon Phillips, Tom Ogden, Dave Smith, Linda Ricke, Mark Koors, Bryan Robbins, Robert Barker and Teresa Kovacich.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Sharon Phillips and seconded by Bryan Robbins.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Dave Smith and seconded by Mark Koors.

New Business:

We are planning a Nature Play Date in conjunction with Indiana’s Bicentennial celebration. The mission for the event is to get children outside to play by offering several outdoor activities. Plans are still being made but we will be offering hiking on trails, pony rides, Silly Safari and archery. Other activities being considered are water play, nature crafts and outdoor games. We are also planning to serve a complimentary lunch of hot dogs, chips and drinks. The event will be held at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park and the Charles Buell Walking Nature Trails.

We have sent a Letter of Intent to the Decatur County Community Foundation for a $15,000.00 large grant for the purchase of the two remaining pieces of skate park equipment.

Old Business:

Bob Barker met with Mayor Manus, Rick Nobbe, Tim Ortman and Ron May to discuss the County Park Lake/Dam project. The City and the County will share the cost of a study which is needed to proceed with the project. Rick Nobbe stated that he really favored decommissioning the lake but after speaking to some in the public, he realized that is not what the public wants.

We have contacted some companies to get updated proposals for a new kiddie pool/splash playground. More information is needed for a planning committee to proceed with fundraising. Bryan Robbins spoke with the Lions Club representative Kaywin Lindsay. He said that they may be interested in some sort of assistance once more information is available. Howard Wilkison said that he was planning to talk to Bob Jackman about the project.

Superintendent’s Report:

Koorsen Fire and Safety will be conducting the annual fire alarm inspection on February 17, 2016.

Open swimming will be offered at the GCHS pool beginning on February 7 and continuing through March 13, 2016.

The maintenance staff has constructed new platforms for the lifeguard stands at the Allen Memorial Swimming Pool.

New benches have been constructed for the park and the pool. They are made of recycled materials. We are planning to add more each year.

Registration for the Greensburg Youth Baseball League and the Decatur County Girls Softball

Association is underway and will continue through Saturday, March 26.

Pickleball is becoming more popular. There are eight to ten people participating on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

The coed volleyball league is underway. Their end-of-season tourney is planned for Sunday, April 10 at the GCHS fieldhouse.

Open gym continues at the Parks Department on Saturdays and at the GCHS fieldhouse on Sundays.

Spectrum will be redoing the gym floor in April.

Ed Dodds is currently at Arbor Grove Nursing Home.

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