

Minutes of Board Meeting.....January 18, 2016

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sharon Phillips, Victor Dance, George Granholt, Dave Smith, Linda Ricke, Mark Koors, Bryan Robbins, Robert Barker and Teresa Kovacich.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Victor Dance and seconded by Linda Ricke.

Claims were discussed and approved by Dave Smith and seconded by George Granholt.

New Business:

Bob Barker introduced Bryan Robbins, the Mayor’s new appointment to the Board. He is replacing Vietta McKenzie who was recently elected to the City Council.

Ron May drafted a letter to be sent to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources stating that the Decatur County Park Board had given their approval to lower the water level of the County Park Lake. We made a couple of changes/additions to the letter and sent it to Mr. Ken Smith, Assistant Director of the Division of Water.

Bob Barker recommended to the Board that a committee be created to spearhead fundraising for a new Kiddie Pool/Water Playground. When the new bathhouse was constructed, the intent was to construct a new kiddie pool in the grassy area on the south side of the building. Funds from the Build Indiana Funds were secured and then before construction began, the funds were frozen and were never disbursed. The existing kiddie pool was constructed in the 1960’s. As we are not a 501 C (3), we need to find an organization to spearhead the project. Bob suggested the Lions Club as they were the organization who built the pool. Bryan Robbins said that he would help with finding an organization. Howard Wilkison said that he would help also.

A public meeting was held to obtain input from the community for the new Master Plan. Board members were given a questionnaire to complete and return.

Letters of Communication:

A letter was received from Harpring Farms, LLP. The letter states that there is one year remaining on the current contract.

Superintendent’s Report:

We are continuing to offer pickle ball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10AM – 12Noon and Saturdays from 9:00-10:30AM.

The maintenance staff opened a valve on the County Park Lake in an effort to lower the water level of the lake. With recent rain and snow, the level has gone back up.

We have ordered three new adult/infant seats that will be installed at various parks.

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

Public swimming is being offered at the GCHS swimming pool on Sundays from 2:00-5:00PM.

New tables and chairs have been ordered to replace some that are damaged.

New blinds were installed in Teresa's office. We attempted to clean the old blinds but were unsuccessful.

The maintenance staff has constructed four new park benches. They were constructed using vinyl decking and recycled plastic legs. We are planning to make four more for the pool.

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