

Minutes of Board Meeting.....March 20, 2017

Attending: Howard Wilkison, Sue Fortman, Sharon Phillips, Tom Ogden, Russell Wilson, Linda Ricke, George Granholt, Dave Smith, Robert Barker and Teresa Kovacich.

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Linda Ricke and seconded by Dave Smith.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Russell Wilson and seconded by Sharon Phillips.

New Business:

Bob Barker informed the Board that the smaller modular playground unit at the County Park needed to be repaired or replaced. It was installed in 1991 and is located adjacent to shelter #1. Options to consider include purchasing new decking from the manufacturer for approximately \$5,000.00, repairing/reinforcing the equipment and adding vinyl decking at a cost of approximately \$2,600.00 or to try to raise funds to purchase a new modular unit at a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00 plus installation. Replacing the unit may take two to three years due to our budget cuts. Following discussion, Sue Fortman made a motion to proceed with replacing/reinforcing the existing unit and adding new vinyl decking over the platform. Russell Wilson second the motion.

Jim Hagerty submitted bids for a new concrete floor in shelter #2 and a concrete walkway at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park. Bob informed the board that he has funds to proceed for the concrete floor but will need to seek a grant for the walkway. The bid for the concrete floor was \$1,920.00 while the bid for the concrete walkway was \$3,225.00

The Auditor's Office has requested that all Board members sign an oath for board members in Decatur County.

Letters of Communication:

Bob Barker told the board that he received a letter from Drew Young, County Attorney, concerning the possibility of charging the Greensburg Country Club an annual fee to assist with the lake/dam management. Mr. Young stated that we could possibly assess a nominal fee but that it has never been done in the past.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Decatur County sent a thank you note for our donation of a pool pass for their annual Bowl for Kid's Sake fundraiser.

Superintendent's Report:

Sign-ups are underway for the girls' softball league and the boys' baseball league.

The \$15,000.00 tourism grant was approved for the upgrade of diamonds at the Decatur County Youth Sports Complex. The grant has to be processed by the County Council. The project may be delayed as Nick Roling sustained an Achilles injury recently and he was to help with the project.

A retaining wall was built at the park to help keep the rubber mulch on the playground. It was constructed by our maintenance staff using treated lumber.

Pickle ball is continuing to draw a steady number of participants. It is being offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings as well as Thursday evening.

Saturday open gym will end for the season on the last weekend of March. It will resume in October.

The maintenance staff power washed the men's shower downstairs at the Parks Department building. They repainted it to give it a fresh look.

We are currently seeking quotes for the removal of three to four dead trees that need to be removed.

We have found some spots in the pool liner that need to be repaired prior to opening.

Park playground inspections are currently being completed by our maintenance staff.

Spring soccer starts on Saturday, April 8.

We will be opening the restrooms for the season in the next week.

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