**Minutes of Board Meeting…………………………………………………………………………..June 19, 2017**

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

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

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Victor Dance and seconded by Bryan Robbins.

New Business:

Bob Barker presented the 2018 budget proposal to the Board for their approval. The budget is basically the same as last year’s proposed budget with the exception of the salaries. He submitted a request for an increase of $1,300.00 for full time employees. He requested $250,000.00 for the County Park Lake/Dam project again. Following further discussion, Bryan Robbins made a motion to approve the budget as it was proposed. Sharon Phillips seconded the motion.

Our contract with Pepsi is up for renewal. We have been in talks with both Pepsi and Coca-Cola. Both companies prepared a contract proposal for 20 ounce bottled drinks. The proposal from Pepsi included an annual payment of $750.00 and projected revenue of $12,000.00 over five years. Coca-Cola submitted a proposal which included a $10,000.00 up front payment for a five year contract. We have also met with the officers of the boys and girls associations and asked for their input. They have indicated that they would like to consider fountain drinks. They believe this would help with storage space for drinks and by eliminating the need for all of the coolers, they would be able to eliminate some of the heat in the building. Both companies are preparing a proposal for fountain drinks.

The annual fireworks display is planned for July 3. The rain date will be July 5th.

Letters of Communication:

We received a thank you note from the GES second graders for allowing them to use Shelter #2 for their class outing.

Superintendent’s Report:

Pro Wrestling will return to the Parks Department on Saturday, June 24.

The Stellar Committee is working to prepare their presentation for the final step of the Stellar competition. As a result of being selected as a finalist, they were awarded a small grant to use for a community event. They have decided to plan a Dog Park Preview Day. They are planning to install portable fencing in the area that we would like to develop the dog park should it become a reality. They would also like to purchase a few pieces of dog park equipment to give the dog owners an idea of what the new dog park might look like. The event is planned for Saturday, August 12 from 9:00AM – 12Noon.

Special Olympics are using Kohler Park on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings for their softball practices and games.

Co-ed softball is underway at Kohler Park on Monday and Friday evenings.

The Greensburg Reservoir project is progressing. The area is to be used as a wetlands area with docks for viewing wildlife.

The new Hippo was installed in the Fugit Township Park in Clarksburg. The red and blue hippo is a climbing toy designed for children 2-5 years old.

Jody Biddinger, park caretaker, has painted the water slide. The paint has given the slide a much needed new look. He has taken an interest in the pool and its operation.

Swimming lessons are underway at the pool. The final two-week session of lessons is scheduled to begin on July 3.

Camp Rainbow is in its final week. The annual family picnic is planned for Friday, June 23. There are fourteen campers registered this year.

A group of incoming freshman at GCHS have completed a community service project at the Charles Buell Walking Trails. They have cleared brush and added stone and mulch to the area.

Due to the fair, the next meeting for the Park Board will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at noon at the County Park. The meeting will be held in shelter #4.

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