**Minutes of Board Meeting……………………………………………………………………………….April 17, 2017**

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

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Dave Smith and seconded by Sharon Phillips.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Sue Fortman and seconded by Bryan Robbins.

New Business:

The Board passed a resolution adopting the new Master Plan as it was presented. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Sharon Phillips and seconded by Victor Dance.

Bob Barker informed the Board that a settlement had been reached in the accident involving former employee, Allan Dillow and Megan and Justin Mathews. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews were represented by Ken Nunn. The settlement paid $7,000.00 to Megan Mathews and $6,000.00 to Justin Mathews.

Bob Barker showed the Board a picture of the new piece of equipment that has been ordered for Clarksburg to replace the piece that was taken out last year. The piece that was ordered is a blue and red hippo climbing structure that is designed for toddlers ages two to five years. The estimated cost is $1,000.00.

Letters of Communication:

Brianna Kraushar sent a note of thanks to the Parks Department on behalf of Greensburg Community High School for participating in their recent Transition Fair for the special education departments for all three county schools.

Superintendent’s Report:

Playground equipment inspections are ongoing and should be completed soon. The inspection at the Westport Kiwanis Park revealed that several spring toys needed to be removed. Bob Barker spoke to Westport Kiwanis President, Dan Wenning, and suggested that they remove the broken ones and that they might not need to replace them as there are several in place at the park. Bob offered up to $500.00 to help repair some of them.

The Sardinia Baptist Church is interested in installing a new playground to serve the Sardinia community. It would not be limited to the church only. They are in the process of preparing a Letter Of Intent for a large grant from the Decatur County Community.

Bob Barker told the Board that he recently went on an outing with County Commissioners, Highway Department personnel, Rob Duckworth and others to view some highway maintenance buildings. TIF money will be used for this project. They are looking to build a new building across from their existing building. The building would be adjacent to the area that we have selected for the new dog park.

The concrete floor has been installed in the second shelter at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park. Greg Schneider, AG teacher at GCHS, volunteered his landscaping class to fill and seed the ruts made by the concrete truck.

The maintenance staff will begin to clean the pool in one to two weeks in preparation for filling. We have found a few holes in the liner which will need to be fixed first.

Darci Kovacich is returning to manage the pool and to direct the swimming lessons.

Swimming lessons are set to begin on Monday, June 5.

Stacie Reisman is returning as the director of Camp Rainbow. The three-week camp begins on June 5.

Bob Barker met with Bryan Robbins and Mayor Dan Manus to discuss the Stellar application. The Parks Department falls under the Quality of Life section. A letter of Intent is being prepared and will be submitted later this month.

A Letter of Intent will be presented to the Decatur County Community Foundation before May 16 for Phase 1 of the Dog Park project. We are applying for $15,000.00 to be used toward the fencing portion of the project.

Bob Barker met with Marc Kopplin and Wendy Blake to discuss the development of the Dog Park. We provided them with information on designs, equipment, fencing, etc.

We applied for a small grant ($1,500.00) from the Decatur County Community Foundation for a sidewalk to the second shelter at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park.

Co-ed volleyball ended their season with an all-day tournament which was played in the GCHS fieldhouse.

Registration is now underway for the co-ed softball league which will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays at Kohler Park.

We are currently seeking bids for some tree work that needs to be done.

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