**Minutes of Board Meeting………………………………………………………………………………….June 17, 2019**

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

Minutes were read and approved on a motion made by Russell Wilson and seconded by Bryan Robbins.

Claims were discussed and approved on a motion made by Dave Smith and Sue Fortman.

New Business:

Mowing Accident: Tom Buck, part time employee, was fatally injured in a mowing accident at approximately 2:52PM today. He was mowing at the county-owned blue bridge located at County Road 220SW and County Road 500S. Mr. Buck was mowing on flat ground along Sandcreek when for unknown reasons the mower when down the embankment tipping over and pinning Mr. Buck under the mower beneath the water. Dennis Weber was first on the scene and Joe King, a former mowing employee for the Parks Department, stopped to help and attempted to get mower off of Mr. Buck. He was unable to unsuccessful until first responders (Letts Community Volunteer Fire Department, Decatur County Sheriff’s Office, Greensburg Police Department, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Decatur County Coroner and TDS towing) arrived. Mr. Buck was pronounced dead at the scene. OSHA, our insurance company and IPEP have all been notified of the accident.

2020 Budget Proposal: Bob presented the proposed 2020 budget to the Park Board. The Group Insurance amount which is set by the county has decreased substantially. Funds are being requested for a new vehicle and a new tractor. A $2,000.00 increase for full-time employees was also requested. Following further discussion, Victor Dance made a motion to approve the budget as it was proposed. Linda Ricke seconded the motion.

Fireworks: Premier Pyro, LLC has been contracted to put on the annual fireworks display which will take place on July 3. To date, $2,175.00 has been received toward the total cost of $6,500.00. We are looking for volunteers to collect donations the night of the fireworks.

Old Business:

Friends of the Park – Proposed Park Foundation

Board members shared names of potential board members for the Friends of the Park.

Linda Ricke – Cory Fischer, Chris Tebbe, Deb Sellers, Jim Jameson

Dave Smith – Steve Stringer, Bill Corya

Bryan Robbins – Jim & Lynn Saler

Bill Wenning – Tom Ogden

Letters of Communication:

The parents of 6th Grade students at North Decatur Elementary thanked us for donating some daily pool passes for their send-off party.

Superintendent’s Report:

Eight windows have been installed in the gym by Kramer Glass.

The restrooms at Rebekah Park have been renovated. A new tile floor and handicap toilets have been installed. Paul Clark has given both restroom a fresh coat of paint.

The splash pad had a good turnout at the dedication. Children are loving it!

The mural that the students from Greensburg High School have painted on the ambulance building has been completed. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently. Channel 4 news was on hand and will feature the story a future newscast. Bryan Robbins suggested that we put a sealant on it to preserve the painting.

K-Fab will be making the permanent fencing for the splash pad. The fence will be 4’ tall and will be installed around the perimeter of the pad. The work is scheduled to be completed in late July. It will be the same style as the one that was recently installed on Lincoln Street.

Duke Energy will be doing a community service day on Friday, June 21. They will be weeding and adding mulch at the Oddfellows Rebekah Park.

With the recent rains, we are having issues with erosion at the Charles Buell Nature Walking Trails. The maintenance staff is making improvements now to get them back in shape.

Due to the fair, our July meeting will be held in Shelter 4 at 12:00Noon.

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