



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2024

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Denise Heilers
Elliott Dilger
Brittany Rahman
Debbie Johnson
George Deines
Ben Brinkman
Brett Schipp

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. We read over the meeting minutes. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances. Jill made a motion to approve the finances; Matt seconded; all were in favor.

All other items will be tabled until next month!

We read over the finances from February. Jill made a motion to approve the finances; Matt seconded. All were in favor.

5th Street park

Tabled

18th Street park

Fifth Grader Amelia Schipp (daughter of Megan and Scott Schipp) was the IN DNR 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner. The annual Arbor Day poster contest was sponsored by the Indiana DNR Division of Forestry's Community and Urban Forestry program (CUF) and Indiana Project Learning Tree. The theme for this year was "Oak Trees - Superheroes of the Forest. As part of the prize, Amelia was awarded a small Shumard Oak tree which she elected to plant in our 18th Street Park near the playground. The IN DNR came down to present her award and educated everyone the correct method for selecting a location and planting a native species tree. We look forward to seeing the tree grow into a mighty oak in the years to come, congratulate Amelia, and thank her for selecting the town park to plant the tree.

Splash Pad

George Deines presented a PowerPoint presentation on different types of splash pads. He showed us water tunnels, ground sprayers, vertical features, theme-based pads, spray and play, spin and spills, vortex structures, and interactive elements.

He noted that most splash pads are for children 10 and under.

Some questions/ideas that were brought up were

1. What is a normal-sized splash pad for a community of our size?
2. Thoughts from people with young children. They can't commit to a full day like when they go to Holiday World so it would be nice to have a place to go for a few hours or so.
3. Keep it simple
4. It would make more sense to build it at 18th Street Park
5. Suggested that a shade structure be included.
6. Surfaces suggested bruised concrete - coating to prevent it from getting hot.
7. Is it possible to have age zones and elevation changes?
8. How much manpower will be involved?
9. What will the operating hours be? 10-7
10. Will it be water-recirculating or not?
11. We need to generate a budget for construction.
12. It will take 3-4 weeks to come up with the first round of information.

Other News

Tabled Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Natalie seconding; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

The next meeting is May 8th, 2024 at the Ferdinand Town Hall

Minutes submitted on May 1, 2024

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