



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2024

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer  
Jill Schipp  
Natalie Howard  
Tom Lueken  
Mike Steffe  
Sharon Bohenkemper  
Jessica Condra

The meeting started at 4:35 pm. We read over the meeting minutes from April. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances from April and May. Jill made a motion to approve the finances; Matt seconded; all were in favor.

### Splash Pad

Mike said that at the splash pad committee meeting, it was decided that the location would be the lower volleyball court area at 18th Street Park. We will relocate the current volleyball court, which should be a manageable cost. Features for the splash pad will be low-key and hopefully have a zone for older and younger children. George with Councilman took the ideas that were suggested and will report back on the site next week. Cost is currently estimated between \$1-1.5 million; this includes design, features, infrastructure, cost escalation, and contingency. We do need a building to house the equipment but we will not need a new restroom area as we have two that will be close enough to the splash pad area. We are leaning toward recycling the water; we need to figure out what the cost of water will be over the next 5-10 years.

Jessica Condra was in attendance from Indiana 15. She presented some grant opportunities that we may be able to apply for the parks and the splash pad. She will try to amend our master park plan to include the splash pad information. If we can get it amended, we can apply for the IN DNR Land and WaterConserve plan. We will have to have a letter of commitment stating that we have the money for the splash pad.

### 5th Street Park

Jill put together a donor letter to send out. She met with Jeff Durlauf about the Little League field plan. They met with Andy ~~Minor~~ to discuss work on the Little League fields. He said that the small field is naturally creating a bowl when it rains. If we can provide our dirt for projects it will be cheaper for the park. It was suggested to hire Blake Voges to reseed fields.

The sprinklers are working and can be rerouted if need be for updating. There is a diagram that shows

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where all sprinklers are located. The concession stand area for Little League was provided by the Ruhe Family. Jill will talk with Jeff Warren to see if he has any ideas for the girls' fields and areas and report back.

We need to get a list of who is on the green plaque and reach out to that group first about donations. Part of the MObel Foundation money could go towards fieldwork and dugout repair.

### **18th Street Park**

There seems to be some kind of bore in the trees by the board office. Tom will reach out to someone to check them out.

Nora Welp has the panels up for the library storyboard project she is doing.

### **Other News**

We are at a standstill with door locks. Someone is looking into networking the entire town so we are waiting to hear back on that.

We have two tournaments on the schedule for July.

Tammy Miller mentioned there is an aggressive growth in Old Town Lake. She said it seems to be an invasive plant species and is in other people's lakes around town. Tom said he had seen it in other lakes and that we might need to get a bubble treatment. He will get a quote from Cooper on treating the lake.

There will be a park budget review meeting on July 17 at noon at the YMCA.

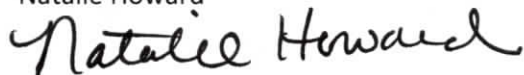
There is a town budget meeting on July 30.

Tammy Miller presented a new park lease with the following verbiage added - No refunds for cancellation, postponement, or rescheduling. We want to try and get the lease online for people to fill out.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jill seconding; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm. The next meeting will be a budget review meeting on July 17 at noon at the YMCA.

Minutes submitted on 27 June 2024

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July 10, 2024

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Dear Planning Staff,

The town of Ferdinand intends to amend our Park & Recreation Master Plan 2022-2027 which was approved by you on April 14, 2022.

On June 1, 2023, a conversation started on Facebook with community members expressing their desire to have a splash pad installed in town. The post garnered 43 comments, 5 shares, and 96 reactions. Park board and town council members were tagged in the post, resulting in a year long conversation about the feasibility of such a project. In March 2024, the Park Board voted to have this project added to the town of Ferdinand's Park & Recreation Master Plan and to create a steering committee to spearhead project development.

*Enclosed: June 1, 2023 Facebook Post, Park Board Minutes, Amended Plan Page, Resolution*

Sincerely,

Matthew Weyer, Ferdinand Park Board President

KENNETH SICARD, President  
TAMARA M. MILLER, Clerk-Treasurer

DEBBIE JOHNSON, Member  
SHARON BOHNENKEMPER, Attorney

RONALD WEYER, Member

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board is aware of the park and recreational needs of the residents of Ferdinand; and


WHEREAS, the Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board is desirous of providing aesthetic and functional parks and park facilities to the residents of Ferdinand; and

WHEREAS, the Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its citizenry;

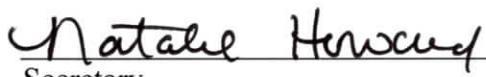
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FERDINAND, INDIANA THAT:

1. The Ferdinand Park and Recreation Plan 2022-2027 amendment, is hereby adopted to add a splash pad to the project list for the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park location.
2. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

Adopted by the Park and Recreation Board of the Town of Ferdinand, Indiana and approved by me as President of said Board, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

  
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Matt Weyer, President, Park and Recreation Board  
Town of Ferdinand, Indiana

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary