



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2024

Attendees

Matthew Weyer

Jill Schipp

Natalie Howard

Tom Lueken

Mike Steffe

Jeff Warren

Ben Messmer

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

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

January finance report was also reviewed during this meeting. Jill made a motion to approve the finances; Matt seconded. All were in favor.

Tammy was in attendance to go over our budget/finances with us. There was discussion to reappropriate funds this calendar year from last year's funds. A future park board meeting should address this once details are figured out.

5th street park

We need to have a starting point for letters to send out to the community for donations. Jill will look over the letter we sent out for the Old Town Lake. It might be a good idea to have a conversation with Möbel on ideas since they've always had an affinity for the baseball and softball leagues.

Tom wants to move forward with the repaving of the parking lot. We will only pay 1/5 of the cost and the other department will pay for the rest. We will get it done.

Old Town Lake

Tom took the deteriorating wooden sign down at the Old Town Lake near the lake's edge. All required signage was re-mounted elsewhere.

Splash Pad

The board had discussion regarding next steps for the splash pad project. The board agreed that it was in the best interest to invest in an aquatics consultant to assist us with the process of evaluating splash pad sites, costs, system types, and other analyses. We have \$20,000 to spend. We need to decide on which company to go with. Matt made a motion to approve Councilman with a study of a max of \$25,000 in case they go over or we need to modify. Natalie seconded and all were in favor. Mike will contact Councilman.

The board discussed building a community steering community to work through the process.

Other News

We held the annual league lease discussions. Mike stated the following events have been paid for: Just Do It events with Trish Gress; FP Youth Baseball; Soccer; YMCA; SP&F which will start in August; Folk Fest; and Southeast Dubois School Corporation held their meeting tonight so they will pay soon. We are missing the liniment league and Heimatfest.

Matt asked Ben Messmer if anyone was planning on using 5th Street Park to play horseshoes and he said not that he was aware of.

Jeff Warren stated that girls' softball will have their first practice on March 18. He said that the league would take care of fixing the field. We asked Jeff to submit a request for chalk and clay and we could see if the town could approve this and buy the league some more.

We are still working on getting new locks on the doors.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jill seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:51 pm.

The next meeting is March 13 at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted on 1 March 2024
Natalie Howard