

Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Regular meeting of Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 4:30p.m. in the town office. Attending were Matt Weyer, Tom Lueken, Natalie Howard, Dolores Boeglin. Also attending were students from Forest Park High School: Kaitlyn Van Winkle, Jody Henke, Anna Bailey, Autumn *Becker*, Michael Conen and Nathan Fleck.

Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 was also in attendance.

Discussion on park lease fees was tabled until June meeting.

Minutes were approved with motion by Natalie and second by Matt. Expense report was approved with motion by Matt and second by Natalie.

Matt stated he had sent a thank you and pictures of grill area at 5th St. regarding donation from Mobil Foundation which helped to support that project.

Matt gave an update on the land acquisition at the Old Town Lake. Following a meeting with Allen Hoffman with the Monastery, he stated there were two options on the table. First was to follow the tree line with a 15 ft. buffer which would be 2.9 acres. Second was to just follow the tree line which would be 2.1 acres. Attending the meeting with him was Chris James and Debbie Johnson from the town council.

There were also two options for the acquisition. First was to lease and second for a land swap. On Saturday, May 13 the monastery will be meeting with all the nuns and a decision will be made.

Matt said he along with Mike Steffe, Christ James, Allen Hoffman and Randy Greulich have walked around the lake.

It was decided that plans would move forward as though land acquisition was a done deal. All reports (environmental, archeological) would need to be into DNR by first part of June

It was decided that the Park Board will be paying for only one of the interns this year. Interns again are Demi Jahn and Anna Hagedorn. Tom will be hiring summer help. He had not made a decision at the time of the meeting.

It was suggested an attorney be contacted regarding the issue of the faulty turf at the new Tots Playground at 18th St. Park.

On Arbor Day, Kimball had approximately 11 people that mulched over 100 trees and planted some seedlings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. Next meeting June 7 at the Town Hall.


Dolores Boeglin, Secretary