



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2020

### Attendees:

Matthew Weyer  
Mike Steffe  
Natalie Howard  
Jill Schipp  
Tom Lueken

Miles Welp - Eagle Scout Candidate

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. The board read over the minutes from the September meeting. Jill made a motion to approve, Mike seconded, all in favor. Reviewed finances from the September meeting. Matt made a motion to approve, Mike seconded, all in favor. It was noted that we have around \$75,000 in our budget right now.

Miles Welp presented his Eagle Scout Project. He wanted to put up a welcome sign at the Old Town Lake. It will be similar to the ones at 18th and 5th street parks. Tom suggested that we go with the same silhouette as the other parks. Matt got a price from Hoosier Laser that was pretty high. We are not sure where the other signs were purchased. Jill suggested to check payment records to see if we can find out where the other signs were purchased and when. Miles said he would probably be ready to do this in Spring 2021. Mike made a motion to approve this project, Matt seconded, all in favor.

Jenna Steltenpohl wants to do another library story walk Monday Oct. 19-Oct 23. The board approved this.

Tom mentioned that he made 20 more parking spaces at 5th street but people are still parking in the grass and on the hillside. We need to contact Eric or Brad Beck. This is dangerous for kids who are running around.

Tom finally got everything for the mower and it's running well. We are not selling the old one just yet. We may look to sell the old one in the spring.

The water leak witnessed near the MBCI football field is now dry. We are going to leave the pit buried and keep an eye on it.

There are still some trees to take down at 18th street park. We are waiting for the leaves to fall.



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### COVID-19 items

The cleaning contract is priced through the end of October. CARES money is paying for that. Matt asked Sharon about the COVID signage to see if we have to have that up still. In response, Sharon noted that the signs need to stay up until at least the end of the year and requested new, legible signs be installed and the bad signs replaced.

### Leases

There are no tourneys for October. People were on the fields this past Sunday, but we do not know who. No leases were applied for.

### 5th Street Little League Fields

We received the quotes back from Kyle Greulich on the field work which includes work on the mound, bases and cutting the field and adding a windscreen. Cost would be \$4,800 max. There are various other improvements including upgrading the scoreboard and Art Ruhe signage for \$6,000, new center field green screening, and improvements to exterior and interior of the equipment room and upgrade the dugouts for \$12,000. The total project cost could range around \$25,000. Our goal would be to raise approximately \$15,000. The Park Board could put up approximately \$5,000. The Ferdinand Little League agreed to put up \$5000. With that approach, the Park Board was agreeable to begin the infield and mound improvements this fall. Matt made a motion to approve field work for \$4800, Jill seconded, all in favor.

### Old Town Lake

Tom needs to put up the bird netting but needs to look to see how to do it. Matt reinforced his desire to make sure the netting gets installed above the lower ceiling joists. There are also the perimeter spikes that needs to be installed.

We have 4 benches left for people to purchase; these need to be memorials. A number of people have expressed interest.

The Grand Opening went well. We made \$50 from Kona Ice and hoping for around \$1000 for shirts. All Star Sports will issue a check to the town after finances are all settled. Koozies are still not in but when they arrive, we will give some to the donors. We did get the Olinger donation for \$25,000 (payable over two years) and Glen Lange is giving \$15,000 for the fishing pier.

The wood for the fishing pier has increased since we last priced it. It was originally quoted at \$27,000, now it has increased to \$42,000. Kayak launch and fishing pier will cost us between \$55,000-\$60,000.



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Ideally the project would commence in the winter because the lake will need to be drained down to install the posts.

The decision to proceed with construction was tabled until the November meeting.

The board also reviewed some the construction/storage building and discussed the prospect of building it this winter into 2021. We think we can do the restroom/storage building for about \$70,000 and still make it look good. We've not decided whether or not to do this this year. Further discussion is needed.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded the motion, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Minutes submitted on 14 October 2020

Natalie Howard