

Ferdinand Park & Recreation Board Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. On Wednesday, December 7 in the Town Hall with Mike, Steffe, Natalie Howard, Matt Weyer and Tom Lueken in attendance. Also attending were several students from Forest Park High: Levi Hoffman, Jacob Wiseman, Bryce Brosmer, Connor Persohn, and Evan Weyer. Lisa Gehlhausen from Region 15 and Ray Major were also in attendance.

Minutes for the November meeting were approved with a motion by Matt and second by Mike.. Expense report was also approved with motion by Matt and second by Mike. It appears we will have about \$15,000 to carry over to 2017. We will decide in January if we want to appropriate that amount to the OTL project.

Lisa Gehlhausen from Region 15 was in attendance. She has sent out the environmental letters. Issues included the pump house and wetlands. There is nothing that we cannot address or prevent us from moving forward. Lisa will need entry into the small building to take pictures of the floor and windows. Mike reported that Henry had received a second quote for the demolition of the pump house. It is hoped that the building will be down and removed by the end of 2016. Matt reported that Brett Schipp is the contact for Universal Design. We have the contract and it is being reviewed at this time. Dolores has a fund raising meeting set up for Wednesday December 14 .

The grill area is under way and on schedule..

No comments have been received from the Rosenvolk group.

The group discussed upcoming projects that need to be started. Mike will begin look into options to re surface the 5th St playground. Tom will get quotes on resurfacing the basketball court. The Indiana Park and Recreation convention will be held in Indy on January 18-19. It was agreed that we would attend the vendor expo part. Thursday January 19. The cost is \$50 per person. We would leave early morning and return late afternoon.

Mike brought up the fact that Huntingburg was looking at a no smoking ordinance for their parks. The Ferdinand board will monitor the situation.

Natalie's term was to expire at the end of the year. Bev came to the meeting and swore her in for another 4 years. Congrats and thanks to Natalie.

Heard a report from Ray Major around trees planted since 2006. He reported of the 300 trees planted about 30 have not made it. He recommended adding mulch and proper pruning of the trees. The board will review his proposal and he will attend the Feb. meeting

Mike made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:20 p.m. Next meeting will be January 4,, at the Town Hall. We will finalize officers at this meeting.



Mike Steffe, President

