



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2024

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Debbie Johnson
Jessica Condra

The meeting started at 4:33 pm. We read over the meeting minutes from June. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances from June. Matt motioned to approve the finances; Jill seconded; all were in favor.

Splash Pad

Jessica Condra was in attendance from Indiana Region 15. She gave us a packet with the information to amend the master park plan to include the splash pad information. She gathered information from Facebook posts in support of the splash pad and pulled the minutes with the information listed to share with DNR. The master plan expires in 2027. She stated that the DNR frowns on county master plans and recommends each community has its own. Huntingburg already had theirs. Matt made a motion to amend the master park plan, Natalie seconded and all were in favor.

The steering committee met and agreed that the volleyball pit area would be the best location for the splash pad. Councilman sent back some ideas and included an allowance for features and can tweak things as the project progresses. Debbie Johnson stated that she thought the park board and steering committee should decide on the plans. We are looking at a land and water grant which would be a 50/50 match. We would need to have \$500,000. Tammy Miller is looking into general obligation bonds. The town did apply for the Ready Grant. The DNR will give specifics to follow. Region 15 will figure out what is needed and will present it in a way we and the community will understand.

5th Street Park

It was noted that there is a Gametime grant we need to look into for playground equipment for 5th Street. There is also a Norfolk Southern Grant that we can look into. Creating Spaces is a crowdfunding grant that allows communities to receive a matching grant.

Jill spoke with Tenbarge and it would cost \$15,000 for renovations on the small baseball field. The cost for dirt and delivery is \$15,047; the cost for dirt and if we pick it up is \$14,827. Tenbarge could get it to use this fall. If they do the work on the minor field people will need to be trained on how to take care of

it. We would ask the Little League for \$7,000 for assistance in field renovations. The board discussed this option and tabled a decision to see if we can obtain additional quotes.

We also need to reroute some of the sprinklers due to new dimensions on the outfield grass lip.

Jeffi Warren will speak to the softball board about girls' dugout and grilling area renovations. We will look at our finances closely at our financial meeting.

Other News

There is a travel tournament coming up at 5th Street.

Nora Welp's Eagle Scout boxes are installed but we have not seen anything in them yet.

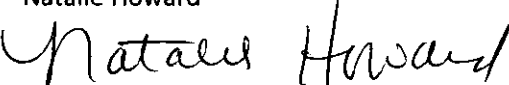
There is a budget hearing on July 30. The park board will have its budget review meeting on July 17 at the YMCA to discuss plans for next year's budget in preparation for the meeting.

The Expo IPRA Conference is November 5-7, we need to decide who can attend this.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jill seconding; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm. The next meeting will be on August 14, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 2 August 2024

Natalie Howard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Howard".