



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2024

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer  
Jill Schipp  
Natalie Howard  
Tom Lueken  
Mike Steffe

The meeting started at 4:34 p.m. We read over the September meeting minutes. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Matt seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the September finances. Jill motioned to approve the finances; Mike seconded. All were in favor of approving the finances.

### Splash Pad

The splash pad project discussion is on hold now until the town council provides some financial clarity of the project's viability.

### 5th Street Park

We received the quote from Seufert Construction for the renovation of the two dugouts. The board discussed the scope and voted to approve the quote while having Tom and his park department do the demo and material removal. Scope includes the one field; two dugouts, new fencing, and roof. An extra \$500 per gate would need to be added if we want a gate that opens to and from the field on either side. Matt made a motion to approve no more than \$25,000 for the dugout repair; Natalie seconded.

We are planning to get dirt for the little boy's field from Ralph Wagner. The cost for dirt would be \$6,000.

Here is the breakdown for the rest of the work that is needed on the small field. 1. Infield skin drains toward the backstop and to the sides of the dugouts. 2. Currently the infield skin is low in the middle between 1"-3". 3. Using the infield dirt the Owner supplies, we would need 4 - 5 truckloads. 4. Site survey of the skin and surrounding structures and grades. 5. Laser grade the sub-grade. Laser grade 4-5 truckloads of dirt. 6. Grid out the dirt on the infield skirt. 7. We propose building up the dirt at the back edge of the infield where the dirt meets the outfield and then running a constant grade from there toward the backstop. 8. This would take approximately 2-3 days labor.

The cost for this scope of work is \$6,700.00. Matt made a motion to approve this; Mike seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The playground surface is in bad shape. A swing and spring horse need to be replaced. The board discussed the desire to add an ADA swing. Jill will reach out for a fencing quote and Mike will work on playground equipment. All were in agreement.

Tom got soccer a small load of topsoil and marked the sprinklers. Mike Forester will come to the park board meeting in the future to advise of the help needed. Matt made a note that the Park Board appreciated all the hard work soccer, baseball, softball, and football teams do at 5th Street.

We shut the sprinklers down in October due to all activities being done.

Tom needs to get an update on the parking lot and is shooting for early spring to get that started.

### **18th Street Park**

Nora Welp is finished with her Eagle Scout project, but she has not submitted her paperwork. It was reported that the Folk Fest went well. No issues were shared with the board other than issues with the internet/wifi provider in the park.

### **Old Town Lake**

The Weed Wrangle is scheduled for Saturday 11/09. Jill is going to a meeting on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the plans.

Previously in the earlier part of the year, there were concerns with the algae in the lake. According to Tom, the lake looks clear and there's no need to do anything this year.

### **Other News**

We have \$7,000 to use for trees. Last year we purchased 30. We can probably get 25 this year as pricing has increased. We would like to get a variety; yellow wood, frontier elm, skyline locust, and exclamation. We could plant some at 18th street and at 5th Street by the softball field.

IPRA Expo is Wednesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at French Lick Event Center. Mike, Matt, Jill, and Tom expressed the desire to go. The board approved the attendance and noted it was in the budget. Matt will request formal approval at the town council meeting.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jill seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm. The next meeting will be on November 13, 2024, at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 30 October 2024  
Natalie Howard

