

Park Board meeting minutes for June 8, 2015

In attendance: Mark Hamilton, Terry Jo Lightfoot, Dirk Schmidt, Tiffany Multon, Peg Garton

The meeting was called to order.

The previous meeting notes were reviewed and approved.

The vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Peg Garton reported on the park maintenance projects. Peg and Tiffany spoke about the Allen County Correctional Center contract for community service workers and how productive the mulch days were in the park.

The security system discussion was tabled for more information.

Peg Garton asked the board to state the hours of operation for the volleyball courts. After much discussion Dirk made the motion that the timer for the light for the volley ball courts would be set till 11 p.m. to match the Town noise ordinance. Mark seconded, and all were in favor.

The board further discussed that splash pad closes at 9 p.m. the restroom locks at 9 p.m. and the port o potty is open 24 hours a day.

Peg asked the park board to volunteer to work the giant slide for the Freedom Festival. The board agreed.

Peg reviewed the duties of the part time maintenance employee for Riverside Gardens. Peg reported that the positions hours and responsibilities have grown since they originally hired her last June and that no increase was made last year. Originally she was only doing janitorial needs of the park. Mark made a motion to raise the rate of pay for Tiffany Multon \$10.00 to \$10.25 an hour starting immediately. Dirk seconded the motion, the motion passed in favor with Tiffany abstaining. Peg stated that after a performance evaluation of the employee and budget meetings that she would recommend rates of pay for that employee and the rest of the park employees for 2016.

The park board discussed the use of the volley ball courts for tournaments. Rules and terms for use would need to be constructed and considered for this type of use for the volley ball courts. This topic was tabled for further information.

Peg Garton stated that the Cedarville sign was in need of electrical repair and that it was time for the park and town to consider an electronic sign. Peg also stated that the park should consider a different sign placement as the current placement may no longer be practical for the

curve. The board discussed raising funds for a new sign and partnering with the town and others. Peg will seek quotes for a new sign and the topic was tabled for more information.

The board discussed children using the volley ball courts as a sand box. The board discussed looking at a place for a children's sand box in the park as an alternative. This topic was tabled.

Friday Night Free Concerts in the Park was discussed. Tiffany agreed to cover the Summit Country Singers on Friday June 12, 2015.

The board discussed in great length the topic of Kayak rentals. Previously Mark introduced a release form Fort Wayne outfitters. Peg found previous files and contracts for previous vendors. The board discussed the need for information for proof of insurance and the need for a contract.. Mark agreed to call Fort Wayne Outfitters and following up with the Town attorney.

Terry made the motion that if a contract is approved with Fort Wayne outfitters to base the fee to the park department on our cost for the parks cost of additional insurance if needed plus an annual minimal summer user fee to be determined at a later date. Mark seconded the motion; all were in favor of the motion. The board agreed that the safest place to provide access to the river would be to follow Fort Wayne Outfitters to place a removable dock near the bridge. This will require removing a section of fence.

The meeting was adjourned till July 13, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Garton

Attested: Mark Hamilton, Pres.