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Park Board Meeting minutes

Oct 12, 2015

Meeting was called to order.

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

Previous meeting notes were approved.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. The treasurer was absent, but paperwork was received and reviewed.

Peg Garton reviewed the maintenance report including but not limited to: the Imagination Station Inspection was completed, and work to correct issues had begun. The Imagination Station was sealed and power washed. Winter prep had begun on both parks. Benches and bike racks installed at Riverside Gardens. Peg reported that the parking lot sealant company asked to wait till spring to do Cedarville Park Parking lot.

The park board talked in great length regarding creating a priority list of items needed and events wanted.

The board discussed ice skating on the pond at Riverside. Terry Jo reported that she spoke to the Fort Wayne Parks department and that we may want to consider purchasing a portable ice-skating rink. Clearing and prepping the pond for skating was an issue and on average the ponds were only skatable six days a year. Maintenance of a skate pond was discussed in great length. Safety issues were discussed in great length. The board agreed to look at examples online of the temporary ice skating rinks for placement at either the basketball courts or at the grand gazebo.

The board discussed the care of the fish and the health of the pond at Riverside Gardens. The board discussed catch and release options, and the possibility of a fishing dock with fish food dispensers similar to those found at the zoo.

The board discussed fountains for the pond at Riverside.

Terry Jo asked the board to consider the Park and Recreation convention that is being held in Bloomington in January of 2016.

The board discussed the success of the Fall Festival and the Volleyball Bash.

The boards discussed a fire pit and grilling locations. Terry Jo agreed to contact a concrete contractor to ask if he would be interested in donating.

Trunk or Treat was discussed. Tiffany agreed to chair the Trunk or Treat on October 31 from noon till two p.m. This will take place in the Riverside gardens parking lot. Left over goodie bags will be passed out along with those wishing to participate.

Santa Night of December 10, 2015 from 5- 7 pm was discussed. Nine to ten high schoolers would be needed to volunteer. Terry Jo agreed to contact Santa Claus.

The park board discussed an electronic sign and option to purchase. It was agreed that more investigation was needed in regards to the funding of an electronic sign board.

Peg discussed a visit she had with Kyle Quandt from Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council. Peg explained that she was a grant writer for NIRCC and that her grant writing services were free. Peg discussed the different grants available. Some of the grants discussed included shade sail structures and handicap accessible canoe docks. Peg and the board discussed trails at great length.

The board reviewed the items of the agenda and discussed ways to raise revenue to support the parks.

The board discussed issues regarding the food trucks. The board discussed the options regarding electrical use for the food trucks. It was the desire of the park board to create a generator only policy for the food trucks with the option to allow the use of electricity for special events only with the ability to charge or waive fees of that use accordingly.

Terry Jo made the motion to have a policy drafted to address the aforementioned electrical use option for food trucks for special events only. Mark seconded the motion; all were in favor of the motion.

The park board agreed to research ice-skating rinks, review and create a priority list, and review the park master plan before the next meeting.

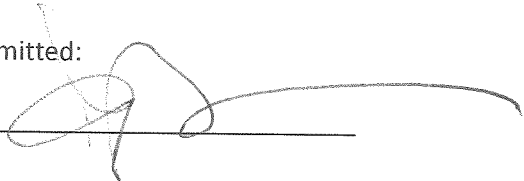
Peg was asked to clarify the end of the year budget process with the clerk treasurer when he returned.

Mark agreed to get soft pricing on a fishing dock for the pond at Riverside.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Peg Garton _____



Attested: Mark Hamilton _____