

Leo-Cedarville Park Board Meeting

June 14th, 2021

Leo-Cedarville Pavilion 5pm

Attendance: President Dirk Schmidt, David Gall, Ron Turpin, Town Manager Rodd Hale, Park Administrator Janet O'Connor. Absent: Vice President Tyler Witmer, Holly White.

Guests: Terry Jo Lightfoot

Dirk Schmidt called the meeting to order and asked everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from May were presented and Dirk Schmidt asked if anyone had any questions or revisions. Ron Turpin moved to adopt the minutes as presented; David Gall seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were signed by Dirk Schmidt.

In the Clerk Treasurer's absence, Janet O'Connor presented the financial reports and Park Board Vouchers. The Board reviewed the vouchers, totaling \$10,124.18, and they were approved by signature.

Janet O'Connor presented the Park Administrator's report as to items in the parks that needed attention. Those items included the need for volunteers to help with the weeding, some areas requiring additional mulch, an additional trash receptacle near the Grand Pavilion walkway, and staining of the electrical panels by the Grand Pavilion to improve their appearance. Janet O'Connor also updated the Board on items that were currently being addressed by staff.

In Tyler Witmer's absence, Dirk Schmidt presented security reports and bids that Tyler Witmer had obtained. The revised quotes based on previous input from the Board were provided by Simplex, Millennium Sound, and Priority One; they ranged from approximately \$8,900.00 to \$21,070.00. Dirk Schmidt mentioned that the bids did not include the cost of power being run to the separate locations. Dirk Schmidt mentioned that he was informed by members of the Town Council that the Allen County Commissioners were engaged in discussions with a security equipment provider to provide surveillance equipment to all municipalities in the county at a discounted rate. Based on the cost of the quotes received and this new information, the Board agreed to table this issue until further information about the Allen County Commissioners' efforts were known.

Dirk Schmidt informed the Board that the Town Manager had reached out to the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) regarding an updated Five-Year Master Plan. Dirk Schmidt stated that Ms. Kyle Quandt with NIRCC had agreed to prepare the plan, and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Board and NIRCC was presented outlining each entity's responsibilities for preparing the plan. Dirk Schmidt asked for a motion to agree to the terms of MOU; Ron Turpin moved to agree to the terms of the MOU; David Gall seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. During later discussion of the plan, Terry Jo Lightfoot shared her thoughts about past feedback from the community regarding a community pool, which may be possible by partnering with the local schools or the YMCA. Terry Jo Lightfoot also encouraged the Board to "think big" regarding new projects to be included in the plan.

Terry Jo Lightfoot asked to speak to the board about weekly concerts at Riverside Gardens Park. She stated that she was approached by Dan Heath about organizing concerts on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm throughout the summer. There would be no cost to the Board, and the Board's only responsibility would be to coordinate some advertising on Facebook and in the *Courier* for the events and provide the Grand Pavilion. The Board agreed unanimously to allow the concerts to take place, and David Gall volunteered to be the liaison between the Board and Dan Heath.

Following the previous topic, David Gall stated he had to leave for another engagement and the meeting was adjourned by Dirk Schmidt due to a quorum no longer being present. The next meeting is July 12th at 5 pm in the Leo-Cedarville Pavilion.

Submitted by:
Janet O'Connor
Park Administrator

Approved:



Dirk Schmidt
Board President

Attested:



Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer