



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2023

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Sharon Bohenkemper
Jacob Keller
Conner Hochgesang
Derek Hochgesang
Tammy Miller

The meeting started at 4:32 pm. We read over the meeting minutes. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances. Mike made a motion to approve the finances; Natalie seconded; all were in favor.

Eagle Scouts

For his Eagle Scout project, Conner Hochgesang wants to put two bike racks down at 5th street park; specifically up by the soccer field area. Tom informed him that we have two of the 'F' bike racks that we installed at the old town lake available for Conner to use. Matt said we could price out two more of the F ones. We asked Conner to scope out two locations in which he would like for these to go. He presented us photos of where he would propose them placed. One would be by the Masterbrand field and one by the playground/shelter house.

For his Eagle Scout project, Jacob Keller reported that he has received approval from the Eagle Scout review board to proceed with his project of installing a french drain in an area that is dealing with erosion at the Old Town Lake. Tom informed Jacob that we should have enough drainage pipe for him to use. Jacob asked if we had any excavation materials he could use and Tom told Jacob to give him a call when he's ready and Tom will help him. The trail cannot be blocked except for when Jacob is working on it. Safety precautions—such as barrier ribbon, fencing, and cones.

18th Street Park

On April 8, 2024 Ferdinand is brainstorming ideas for a day at 18th street park in regards to the total eclipse that will be taking place. Maybe have food trucks and plan a family fun day from 7 am-7pm. No shelter houses will be available for rental over the weekend prior to this. This will be a town sponsored event and the committee members are Debbie, Keri, Chris and Sharon. They will be advertising this on WITZ, Ferdinand News, Facebook, town website and during town meetings. Any business participating



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by having a booth during the event will need insurance forms and riders. Sharon mentioned that they would love to have a teacher from SEDubois on the committee.

Matt received two quotes for the 18th street park poured in place issue. He sent it to 4 companies and only heard back from 2. We will have to raise some money to target a grant to cover all the cost.

There is lumber to repair the horse shoe pits but not one has contacted Tom yet about it.

At the music park, two of the drums had the tops intentionally slashed with what looks to be a knife or some other kind of sharp object. Matt got a quote to replace them. The Psi Iota Xi sorority agree to pay for all 5 of the drums to be replaced. Matt will provide the quote it to Tom.

Fifth Street Park

Brett Schipp met with Jeff Durlauf about the baseball building. They are trying to find a system that will work.

Kinetic Recreation did come down and replace some areas on the 5th street park playground area. The repairs were made on a rainy day, so we hope it all stays together.

Jill received an invoice for a controller for the scoreboards at 5th street park. We had a controller there so we are not sure why another one was ordered. Jeff Durlauf had ordered it and is asking to be reimbursed. We are going to ask him if it can be returned, since we did not approve the ordering of it. If not, we will see what we can do.

Old Town Lake

The invasive species work day will take place November 4 or 11. We are still waiting to hear back from Emily on the invasive species issue. Emily did mention to Jill that there could be some available funds possible. Maybe between \$1000-\$2000.

Other News

Tammy Miller said the town is looking in to an app that would give each department access to keep all of their information on and it can be tweaked as needed. Our biggest concern is who will manage it and it will not allow shelter houses to be booked online. We are not sure about using the app to book online anyway. TeamUp is the app Santa Claus park uses. Maybe Tammy could reach out to Donna Stetter with SEDubois to see what company they use.

Jill is still working on pricing from different places for trees. She and Brett planted 100 white pine.

Ben said that everything has been submitted to the state for the water testing.



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Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Natalie seconding; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6 pm. The next meeting is May 10, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 1 May 2023

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