

February 6, 2019 Park Board Meeting

The meeting started at 4:30 pm at the town hall. In attendance were Matt Weyer, Mike Steffe, Natalie Howard, Lisa Gehlhausen, Stu Bettag, Eric Uebelhor, Alex Mlsna. We tabled the minutes and the expense report from January until the March meeting.

Eric Uebelhor was in attendance to present SP&F lease. He signed it and gave to Mike, who confirmed the lease. He had a wish list for SP&F which consisted of more parking for grandparents and handicap people. He noted that there is a flat spot in the south lot that could be used for this. He also is interested in putting a more permanent type building up; one with a storm shelter, etc. The current building is on raised boards and has holes in it. It does have water but the building is 16-18 years old. He would be willing to use volunteer help for this. We asked him to get some quotes and talk to Tom. He also mentioned that eventually the field will need to be redone as the ground on rolls in it.

Stu Bettag with the Little League presented his lease. He said that the age changes for the league may have caused a decrease in players. He should have final numbers in March. He asked that if Trisha Gress hosts the 3 Up 3 Down tourney if they can find someone to help with the fields. This would be July 20 & 21.

He informed us that when the softball team uses the smaller little league field they leave a hole on the pitching mound when they dig into it to pitch. Might need repaired. The big field has a low spot in left center from a sprinkler leak. We are going to ask Tenbarga to look at the field and give us an estimate on repair.

Rachel Waninger came to speak about DC Multi Sports hosting a color run on April 20. They would use 18th street park and the north lawn of YMCA for this event. Everything will take place on the trail so it should not be a problem. The race will start sign up at 7 am, begin race at 8 am and be finished by 11.

Alex Mlsna turned in soccer lease and mentioned that Cody Kerstiens joined the board. The rebound wall is moving forward but not in yet.

We discussed shelter house rental pricing. We are going to keep rates the same for 2019 and review in May and adjust pricing for 2020.

Old Town Lake

We have approval from DNR, Universal Design released the bids and invited several local contractors. Advertisement started Jan. 30 and will run again Feb. 6. We will do a walk through on Feb. 11 at 2 pm. Bid opening will be Feb. 19 at 8:30 at Town Council meeting. If all goes well we will accept bid on March 19. If desired we can do 2 phases under land and water. If we go over 400K we can pursue a second grant. Of 200K, we have a balance of 190K, owing Universal Design 15, 000. So we have 182,000 of grant fund left. Dolores made a motion to approve bill from Indiana 15 for admin grant, Mike seconded, all in favor!

We were notified by the Carpenter Foundation that we do not fall within their guidelines for assistance.

The park board received \$27,000 from the Township, which is an increase of \$1000 from last year.

Ray Majors came in to speak with us about the trees at the parks. He completed a damaged inventory and shared that information with us. We are aware of the need of pruning and damaged that has occurred.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 with motion by Mike and second by Dolores.
Next meeting schedule for March 13.

Natalie Howard