

Ferdinand Park & Recreation Board Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Regular meeting of Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board was held on Wednesday, July 9 beginning at 4:31 p.m. In the Town Hall. Present were Mike Steffe, Natalie Howard, Matt Weyer, Dolores Boeglin and Tom Lueken.

Minutes and expense reports were approved with a motion by Mike and second by Natalie.

No one attended from the Rosenvolk committee. List of questions and concerns have been sent to them.

Sprinklers at 5th St. fields have been re-routed and Roger Schaffer is in process of cleaning in order to get them working again. He is hoping by mid-july to have this done. Tom has dumped sand and dirt on the girls small field to level it and making it drain. Representatives from boys little league have asked permission to bring in dirt around home plate and asked the board to help in paying the expense. It will take 2 loads. Mike made a motion to pay Forest Park Youth Sports \$360.92 which is cost of one load. Dolores seconded the motion. It was also reported that the tourneys have been going very well.

John Meunier asked for an AED (Automated External Defibrilator). He hospital send one and Mike says more would be coming.

Invoices for 5th St. Shelterhouse should be in with the exception of Weyer Electric. Tom estimated that to be about \$14,000.

Mike said the budget meeting will be at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27 and asked anyone interested to attend.

Tom said if the grant goes through for the Old Town Lake project that more equipment would be needed as it would not be feasible to run the mowers, etc. that far. He did some research and felt a Tool Cat Utility vehicle would be what is needed. It could also be used for clearing snow. He suggested keeping the Kubota and tractor until worn out. Cost is estimated to be \$41,700. He stated that possibly the cost could be split with the street department since it would be very helpful to that deparatment also.

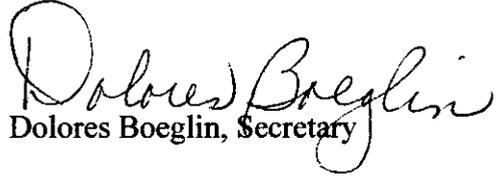
Present were reopresentatives from the Leadership Academy: Ryan Heim, Hayley Rosenkrantz, Jordan Kleinhelter and Kyle Obermeier. They proposed putting bike racks in both parks. They are doing same thing in Huntingburg and Jasper. Racks would be designed as an "F" In the other towns they would be "H" and "J", which the board thought was clever. Mike made a motion to accept the proposal for 6 bike racks, Matt seconded the motion. Committee hopes to have funding completed by first or second week of August. Installation would be done by park employees.

A discussion was held on permanent grilling areas at the parks to be a safer situation. Tom said three areas would be needed: soccer, boys and girls little leagues.

Natalie reported on the summer recreation program. She stated that an average of 37 kids partake.

Activities also included a tour of the monastery, Lincoln Park Nature tour, Lindauer Farms and Libby's ice cream shop to make ice cream. It was stated that Lindauer now charges \$5.00 per person for tours.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. with next meeting set for Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 4:30 p.m.


Dolores Boeglin, Secretary