



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2021

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Mike Steffe
Natalie Howard
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. The board read over the minutes from the December meeting. Matt made a motion to approve, Mike seconded, all were in favor. Reviewed finances from the December meeting. Mike made a motion to approve, Jill seconded, all were in favor.

Board Roles

Election of board officers commenced for 2021 and were confirmed as followed: President – Matthew Weyer, Vice President – Jill Schipp, Secretary – Natalie Howard, Mike Steffe – Board Member.

COVID-19 items

Matt talked to Chris about sanitation and cleaning of the restrooms that remain open. They talked about keeping it going ongoing until further notice. Currently the cleaning is not coming out of the park department's budget and is not budgeted for 2021.

5th Street Little League Fields

Little League sign up forms have been sent out. We will have our lease meeting next month. Batting cage netting needs to be repaired. Tom said he can zip tie the holes shut. The remaining work will finish in the spring.

Park Leases

Katherine from Rosenvolk called and wants to do something in May. She wanted to start advertising but she needs to hold off since as of this week crowds are limited to 25 people. If she wants to move forward, she will need to get all the paperwork from her. She still wants to have the big event in October.



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We are starting to get some shelter house leases in. We will have to follow the country rules, which change monthly.

Old Town Lake

Matt signed the contract with Seufert. Brandon Betz is going to start work on the sidewalk and kayak launch. Matt told the council we should open the valve at the first of this year. We need to relay this to Roger and have it open before the spring rain starts.

Matt talked with Tammy about building construction. She is looking for ways to move money around in our budget.

We haven't been able to find a plumber to do the work. Pund and Bettag have interest in helping but are too busy right now and chose not to provide a quote.

On the restroom / storage building, Seufert revised their quote to \$72,000 and offered a couple of options to simplify the roof. Updated budget numbers will be provided at next month's meeting.

Tom said the town will provide the digging.

Hoosier Laser should be finished with the bench plaques soon. We still don't have a donor for the bench at 18th street park by the high school.

Gavin Kieper wants to do a boy scout project.

Matt signed all the paperwork for Miles Welp's boy scout project.

Matt contacted Alvey's sign. He never found a source on where we purchased previous signage. Tom says he knows a place that can make a silhouette like what is at other parks and will give Matt the information.

18th Street Park

Tom said the basketball court needs to be resurfaced sooner than later to prevent deterioration.

Volleyball pits could use some refreshing; more sand and maybe new nets.

Mike said he spoke to Jamie Pund about using the Forest Park tennis courts for pickleball. Talked about having a place for it over by the 18th street park concession stand.

Tom said there are some pin oak trees by the playground that need to come down.

Lights need to be checked. We have some lights that are out around the walking trail.

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The logo for Ferdinand, Michigan, featuring the word "Ferdinand" in a stylized, gothic-style font with "Michigan" written in a smaller font underneath.

5th street park

There remains a water issue for the second straight month. Tom Lueken is investigating it to see how it can be resolved.

All lights and sprinklers need to be checked.

Matt has not heard anything back from the Möbel Foundation. We are not sure if we will have any more money for the fields.

Tom paid Brady Gunselman \$4000 for the work he did. Little League said they would pay half of the costs.

Tom said we need to replace about 6 trees at each park.

Security access for buildings is too pricey to worry about right now.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm. The next meeting will be at February 10, 2021.

Minutes submitted on 10 February 2021

Natalie Howard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Howard".