



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2020

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Mike Steffe
Natalie Howard
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken

Lisa Gehlhausen – Region 15

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

Agreed that meetings would be moved to the second week of the month at 4:30 pm. Next Month's meeting will be April 8th at 4:30pm.

Mike informed us that the Heimatfest will be moving all activities inside the community center starting this summer. Neil Weyer asked if we could lower their lease for this event. They currently pay \$201. Mike will get with Neil on this.

Jamie Pund with Southeast Dubois Schools asked if we could decrease their lease amount. Current charges are \$3300 + \$1. Mike suggested to decrease to \$1000 + \$1.

Tom suggested that the batting cage nets for the girl's softball fields at 5th street be ziptied. If that doesn't work, we can look at replacing them. Cost would be about \$1000 to replace netting. Will ask the softball league if they can split cost 50/50. Mike will talk with Jared Morrison about this.

Complete Landscape and Lawn is willing to come over on a rainy day and look at the sprinkler system and will give an hourly rate to repair. Tom will work with them on this. The board agreed.

Three new LED lights were installed on the soccer field concession stand and a light was mounted on the roof to light up the flagpole.

The handicap parking area is being updated by the SP&F football field. More spots are being added. Matt has a message into Dean Daunhauer about a permanent building at this field as well.

We are going to put signage up around the shelter house that states no smoking due to people going in there to smoke.



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Old Town Lake - The floor for the pumphouse has been poured. There is concern about getting a ceiling or netting for this building to keep the birds out. We will use painted picnic tables for this area when it's complete. Tom needs to know where to put the trash receptacles and benches. There is a gap in the window seals of the shelter house. It is recommended that we repair this with limestone. Cost will be \$1,870.00. The board approved this change order on a motion vote of 4-0.

Ronnie Drew is getting a quote for us on resurfacing the basketball court at 18th street park. Ronnie thinks all the cracking is in the surface and the net base. We will put this on the April agenda.

Matt made a motion to pay app#10 for \$11,013.82. Natalie seconded, all in favor.

Matt submitted a letter to the Dubois County Foundation asking for \$50,000. We hope to know soon if we receive this. We are going to start a phase 2 grant. This will be to add restrooms, fishing pier, landscape and a kayak launch. Would total around \$200,000. The challenge will be to get a good cost estimate. Board members have been asked to come up with names and addresses for donors. Indiana 15 is charging \$3500 to help with this application.

DNR owes us \$10,000 and needs pictures of everything that is complete thus far.

We are going to plan a grand opening event but need a completion date from Seufert's before we can schedule this. We are hoping for mid-May. This event would entail a ribbon cutting ceremony. We would like to get as much of the public to attend as possible. May have some kind of event and giveaways.

Tree planting is scheduled for March 6 at 18th street park.

Tom said that Terry Kemper is a possible replacement for George Schipp. An hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour was discussed between Terry and Tom. Terry was amenable to this. The hourly rate will need to be approved by the town council. We need student workers for mowing and park and rec.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 4:30 pm

Minutes submitted on 8 April 2020

Natalie Howard / Matthew Weyer