PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



May 10, 2023

Attendees

Matthew Weyer Jill Schipp Natalie Howard Tom Lueken Mike Steffe Conner Hochgesang Stephen Goins

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. We read over the meeting minutes. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances. Matt made a motion to approve the finances; Mike seconded; all were in favor.

Eagle Scouts

Conner Hochgesang came in to talk about the placement of the bicycle racks. Tom asked Conner to get with him and they would decide where to put them. They will need to adhere to ADA policies and need to be on concrete. They will probably install these in July.

18th Street Park

Stephen Goins with Patoka Valley Radio Club came to speak with us about using the upper shelter house June 24-25 for an overnight stay. The Amateur Radio group would like to set up there to test their equipment in an emergency. It is an emergency preparedness event for them. They will have 12-18 people set up to work the radios at 4-5 stations. We asked them to check the calendar and fill out a lease application for this event. The public is more than welcome to come and see how it all works.

The Forest Park jr. high baseball would like to play a few games and have practices at 18th street park field next year. Also, if it works out, they would like to play a game there on May 17, 2023. They will need to pay and also have insurance coverage.

We receive a donation for the replacement of the drums at the musical park by the Psi lota Xi Sorority. Tom will get it ordered and Psi lota Xi will reimburse us and pay for all 4 tops to be replaced. We will not order mallets.

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Fifth Street Park

Jeff Durlauf called Mike asking if they could move the bases to 70 feet and the pitching mound to 50 feet. It is doable but will be tabled until after the season.

Since there is no longer a horseshoe league at 5th Street Tom wants to take the chains and posts down. We will keep the pits but put something over the stakes for safety. The board approved.

Old Town Lake

Jill has still not heard back about the invasive species; she will reach out to Emily again.

We still need to find and plant the Shirley Olinger tree. Jil has a list of quotes and will work on this.

Other News

Tom will move the bleachers from 5th Street to the Forest Park baseball field for the sectional event. Matt made a motion to tender a license agreement with Forest Park for the bleachers; Jill seconded. All were in favor.

There are new access points at the parks for the wifi that should make it faster and better.

Matt needs to get in touch with the Poured In Place person about the spring toy area.

We haven't heard anything from Nora Welp for her 18th Street Park Eagle Scout project.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jill seconding; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm. The next meeting is June 14, 2023, at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 1 June 2023

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