



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2023

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Debbie Johnson

The meeting started at 4:33 p.m. 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. Jill made a motion to approve the finances; Mike seconded; all were in favor.

5th street park

We discussed the dugout situation at 5th Street. It was noted that work could begin on them in December or January. We need to send out information to contractors to get pricing. Tom could do some of the work to save costs. We need to go ahead and get a project number.

American Dream came in and laid the sod on the field. Andy Rohleder cut the mound off.

We discussed the tourney lease and responsibilities. There are about 3-4 travel tournaments a year which outside groups run. Tom has an employee who takes care of the trash a bathrooms but the teams leave the field in bad shape from very heavy use. Other towns have city and town staff that care for fields. Is there anyone we could get to take care of the fields during the travel tournaments? We could raise the lease and just keep doing what we are doing. Matt made a motion to increase the whole park lease to \$500 starting January 1; Jill seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The concession stands have been winterized. The sprinklers have not been blown out yet. We will keep the restrooms in the shelter house open all year.

The restroom in the shelter house will be open year-round.

A load of topsoil was used to fill in area on the football field where water was gathering.

18th Street park

The pickleball nets will be moved soon for the winter. We will be replacing one of them for next season. Kennedy Staton just finished her bandseason, she is planning to put the sundial in soon.

Old Town Lake

The restrooms will be open year-round.

There are 11 people registered for the invasive species event on Nov. 11.

Splash Pad

We looked at the estimate from Counsilman-Hunsaker. Mike did contact Moake Park out of Fort Wayne for a proposal but has not heard anything back.

Debbie Johnson was in attendance. She stated that the council would be for getting a splash pad, they just need more information about the project. Like making sure we have the right size, large enough piping, a good location, and enough funds to run it.

One question we all have is how will it be funded. It was said that there is a group of local parents/people who are meeting tonight. They are trying to find a way to help with this project. Matt and the Park Board agree that we want to do this project right and not second class. We need to start with the study, get results, and find an engineering company.

Debbie said she would talk to Tom Thacker about the Holland and Dale splash pads.

Other News

The trees are supposed to be delivered sometime in November.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at 5:34 pm.

Minutes submitted on 27 November 2023

Natalie Howard

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