

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2013

PETE THORN CENTER ACTIVITIES ROOM 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on January 21, 2014 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Center Activities Room. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board Members Steve Haines, Larry Ladd, Rick Paczkowski, Diane Quance & Michelle Boxell. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Staci Young & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

ABSENT: Board President Bill Baldwin

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: Board Vice President Haines called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 19, 2013 minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Ladd, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Superintendent Plummer updated the Board on the progress made on the “jumbotron event” at Fribley Field. He stated all liability concerns have been cleared by City Attorney Valentine and they are looking into copyright violation concerns. A motion was made by Board Member Ladd to approve the event, with the conditions that all copyright concerns are cleared and all necessary permits are obtained by Carl Sowers representing Young Tiger Football, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Board Officers are to remain the same as 2013 by a motion from Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski.

Superintendent Plummer introduced Diane Quance to the Board as the new Council Representative.

Recreation Director Young reported to the Board that December 6 the Light Up the Night event was held. This was the second year for the program, with several hundred in attendance. Santa & Mrs. Claus arrived on the Twinkle Parade from First Friday and various school choirs performed throughout the park. On December 13 the Christmas Countdown was held at the Center Lake Pavilion with about 400 people in attendance. Letters from Santa also went on from mid-November to mid-December with a record of 99 letters going out. She also reported that Blue Oyster Cult has been booked for the 2014 Classic Rock Concert.

Maintenance Director Gardner reported to the Board that all the Christmas displays and lights have been taken down and stored for the year. Young Tigers Football ran the concession trailer and raised \$1,193.00, which was donated to the Park Department for future displays.

Superintendent Plummer provided to the Board a tentative project matrix for 2014. Please see attached.

Superintendent Plummer reported to the Board that he has applied for “Arctic Blast” grant assistance with the Department of Homeland Security. All city/county departments effected in the state are combined together and if the state qualifies for federal aid and the grant is awarded, any money spent on snow removal support (labor, parts, equipment, fuel, warming station, etc.) may be returned through the grant.

In other matters, Council Representative Quance requested an update on the DNR lease on the Pike Lake Boat Ramp. Superintendent Plummer reported that the lease has cleared all City channels and is with the DNR awaiting approval/signing.

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Board Member Paczkowski, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila K. Wieringa".

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary