

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING September 16, 2014

PETE THORN CENTER ACTIVITIES ROOM 5:15

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on September 16, 2014 at 5:15 PM at the Pete Thorn Center Activities Room. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board Members Bill Baldwin, Steve Haines, Michelle Boxell, Larry Ladd, Rick Paczkowski & Council Representative Diane Quance. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Liz McKinley & Secretary Sheila Wieringa.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Pat Loeb & Mike Metzger.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Warsaw resident Pat Loeb was again present to revisit concerns voiced at the August meeting regarding the city ordinance of No Dogs in the Parks. He would like the Board to reconsider and make a recommendation to Warsaw City Council to amend or remove the ordinance which currently bans dogs from all city parks, with the exception of the Greenway trail & trail heads. It was mentioned that Mr. Loeb would also be open to and in support of a city owned "dog park" and Council Representative Quance noted that when the original idea of a "dog park" was brought to the City approximately five years ago, with the City having no interest to pursue the matter, there was a verbal non-compete agreement made between the City and what is now known as Rudy's Dog Park. The Board listened to Mr. Loeb and after much discussion, the verbal consensus of the Board was there will be no recommendation given to City Council at this time. Mr. Loeb was advised that if he wishes to pursue this matter, he may take it directly to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Metzger was present to ask the Board's permission to stripe permanent lines on the Kelly Park tennis courts to mark out a pickle ball court. He noted the lines would be a different color from the tennis lines and they would cover all costs. Motion to allow was made by Board Member Haines, seconded by Board Member Boxell, all in favor.

Superintendent Plummer mentioned to the Board that the basketball courts at Boggs Park are being resurfaced & striped by K&M Asphalt and should be completed in the next week.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila K. Wieringa". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sheila Wieringa
Secretary