

MINUTES

PARK BOARD MEETING
FIREMEN'S BUILDING
January 19, 2016, 5:15 P.M.

The Warsaw Parks & Recreation Board met for its monthly meeting on January 19, 2016, at 5:15 PM at the Firemen's Building. Attendance was noted as follows:

PRESENT: Board Members Bill Baldwin, Steve Haines, Rick Paczkowski, Michelle Boxell, & Larry Ladd. Also present: Park Superintendent Larry Plummer, Jr., Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner, Recreation Director Sheila Wieringa, & Secretary Heather Frazier

ABSENT: Council Representative Diane Quance

GUESTS:

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 Ladd, all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner reported to the Board that the Christmas Display had another successful year including a donation by the Young Tiger's Concession Stand for \$2,561.00, which is approximately \$400 more than last year. The warmer temperatures were believed to help with the increase, which gave the public more opportunities to view the displays. Lights were taken down at the end of December and were stored within the new pole barn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Larry reported to the Board that Michelle Boxell has taken the Oath to remain on the Park Board for another 4 years.

Board President Baldwin addressed the Park Board and asked to be removed from the board's consideration for re-election as the Park Board President. After serving nearly three terms on the Board, Board President Baldwin stated there are others on the Board who are well qualified that can serve as President and Vice President. Steve Haines was nominated for Park Board President and the motion was approved by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Baldwin. Larry Ladd was nominated for Vice President and the motion was approved by Board Member Rick Paczkowski, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Superintendent Plummer reported to the Board the project matrix for 2016. He addressed the new additions such as a new shelter at Bixler Park, which will be a rental facility, purchase of new equipment, banner replacement for the light poles, continuing efforts to update the campground, repairing the roof to the PTYC, the purchase of a Barber Surf Rake, which can help improve the Park's beaches while keeping them safe for public use by removing debris/trash from the beaches, new exercise equipment as well as placement of the new equipment, and the shoreline stabilization project at Lucerne Park to help reduce shoreline deterioration/erosion. In addition to the new additions and repairs, Superintendent Plummer reported to the Board that some of the more elaborate and long-term projects include eliminating the two transformers in Central Park and converting them to 800 Amp service, having Indiana American Water transferred to Kelly Park, and having Natural Gas ran to the Campground, Firemen's Building, and the Cemetery.

Recreation Director Sheila Wieringa reported to the board the 2016 programs as well as the amounts which are charged per program. Some new programs include Coffee & Canvas, Lego Mania, and Zoo Bash. Recreation Director Wieringa addressed the number of free events offered as well as addressed the cost of each event. To help cover the material costs for some of the events, Wieringa asked the board to approve a slight increase in program fees. A motion to approve the increase was approved by Board Member Boxell, seconded by Board Member Paczkowski.

Wieringa also presented to the Board, about new upcoming events including Family Movie Night in Central Park and how grants and donations have allowed the Recreation Department to purchase new Paddleboards through the KCCRVC grant for the purchase of 10 paddleboards and paddles. Due to lack of interest, the Kid's Triathlon was cancelled. However, the \$1000 grant provided by the Morning Optimist Club, allowed for the opportunity to hold an event for children to help them get motivated to move around, the event will be called Move It Move It. Wieringa also received approval for the KREMC Operation RoundUp grant for \$1500, which goes towards the Family Carnival for free entertainment. The next grant was requested through the Kosciusko County Community Foundation for The Central Park Concert Series \$5,480.00 to help supplement for larger bands and approval can take 4-6 weeks.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. Frazier".

Heather Frazier
Secretary