



MINUTES

**City of Warsaw
Parks and Recreation Board
Montly Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Firemen's Building**

In Attendance:

Bill Baldwin; Diane Quance; Heather Frazier; Joe Thallemer; Larry Ladd;
Larry Plummer; Michelle Boxell; Rick Paczkowski; Shaun Gardner; Sheila
Wieringa; Steve Haines

I.CALL TO ORDER

Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

II.APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The May minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member
Michelle Boxell, seconded by Board Member Rick Paczkowski, all in
favor.

Move: Michelle Boxell Second: Rick Paczkowski Status: Passed

III.UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.5 Year Master Plan Update

Larry
Plummer

Pat Brown from Sitescapes went over the results from the 5-year master plan surveys. This survey was conducted over a 2 month span with a total amount of 370 surveys being completed, both in written form and online. Some of the statistics found that approximately 94% of the public felt safe in Warsaw City parks and also that 92% of those who took the survey felt as though the parks met their expectations. It was expressed that if the public has any other issues or concerns about the Parks and Recreation Department to contact the office and share your concerns so that they can be addressed and possibly entered into the 5-year master plan.

2. Public Meeting

Numerous residents from Warsaw attended the public meeting and addressed some of the concerns they had in reference to the park and the 5-year master plan. Some items that were addressed were the location of new parks, specifically North of 30 and West of SR 15, where there has been a large amount of new developments. Numerous ideas of new trails, trail connections, and easier access to trails were also proposed.

The Center Lake Pavilion was also addressed by asking those at the meeting if they felt as though the building itself should be replaced, if so with what type of facility, or if improvements should be made to the building as a whole. Those attending the meeting seemed to be split on whether or not improvements to the facility such as upgrades to it, making the facility larger, and even adding the park office to it or if the building should be replaced with a more open area facility to better accommodate the scenery and park atmosphere.

3. No Smoking in Parks

Revisit from previous park board meeting

Dan Gray from the Tobacco-Free Coalition, expressed the dangers of second hand smoke, even in open areas such as the parks. Dan informed the board that more and more parks are moving towards the process of becoming smoke free, educating the public on the harmful effects smoking and the effects second hand cigarette smoke specifically has on children, as well as how those parks enforce the smoke free policy. Dan advised he understands that policing the area is not economically a feasible option but signage around parks have been proven extremely effective in helping reduce those smoking in public areas. Dan provided the board with several different handouts referencing the effects of second hand smoke, what other area parks have developed for enforcing the policy, as well as some examples on what an ordinance/policy could entail. In order to receive additional information and read the handouts provided, a motion to table the topic until next month's board meeting was approved.

Move: Rick Paczkowski Second: Larry Ladd Status: Tabled

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. White Paper Project

Rich Haddad

Rich Haddad, President and CEO of the K21, expressed his interest in the possibility of replacing the Center Lake Pavilion with an Ice Rink. Haddad informed the board that in 2011, when the last 5-year master plan was being implemented, the public was interested in the possibility of an Ice Rink. Although the initial costs is rather high, starting at \$600,000, numerous opportunities for fund raising could help both raise awareness to

the program as well as help with building costs. Haddad advised the Ice Rink could be used during months where the temperature would be under 40 degrees and then be used as an open air shelter, similar to others in the parks, but on a much larger scale. This would ultimately allow for year round rental use of the facility and also would benefit the community in numerous ways including health and wellness, socialization, and also promote youth interaction. Superintendent Plummer requested the board consider implementing a committee to review the proposal and see what the pros and cons, building costs, maintenance issues, and other areas that could be present for the ice rink. A motion to approve the implementation of a committee was approved.

Move: Michelle Boxell Second: Larry Ladd Status: Passed

2. Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church: Feeding the Homeless in the Park

Sue Kruger

Sue Kruger from Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church informed the board about her intent on using a shelter at Central Park to help feed up to 100 homeless people in Warsaw while also talking with them and building a positive relationship with them. Sue plans to reserve a shelter once per month during the summer months and had asked the board for consideration in waiving the rental fee, \$25, to use the facility. A motion to approve the waived fee for using the facility, was denied.

Bill Baldwin abstained from voting.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Failed

3. Bench Donation

Clark Shepherd

Clark Shepherd, President of Allowing Christ to Shine, asked for the board's consideration in accepting and placing a pink bench, which would honor the memory of those loved ones who have lost the battle to cancer, in or near Center Lake Park. Shepherd advised the bench would be 100% donated and delivered to the park, and park personnel can determine where the need for the bench is most desired. A motion to approve the donation and placement of the bench in the park was approved.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Rick Paczkowski Status: Passed

4. 2017 Budget Review

Larry
Plummer

Larry Plummer went over the proposed 2017 budget with the park board and informed them that all accounts, the general parks account and the general recreation department account, are similar to that of 2016's budget. A motion to approve the budget was approved.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Rick Paczkowski Status: Passed

a. Stellar Community

Tim Dombroksy from the City of Warsaw Planning Department, informed the park board that they each should have a letter of the parks department financial letters of support and non-support for the Stellar Community. This letter basically states what the parks investment would be in order to receive a specific amount from the Stellar Community. Superintendent Plummer also advised that the investment portion for the parks department would be budgeted into the upcoming year's budgets. A motion to approve the parks department's financial obligations for the Stellar Community was approved.

Move: Michelle Boxell Second: Bill Baldwin Status: Passed

V.OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

VI.MEETING REVIEW

VII.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Move: Rick Paczkowski Second: Larry Ladd Status: Passed