



MINUTES

**City of Warsaw
Parks and Recreation Board
Park Board
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Pete Thorn Youth Center**

In Attendance

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

Not In Attendance

Joe Thallemer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Steve Haines called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

1. *Approval of April 2017 Minutes*

The April 2017, minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Tony Elliott Memorial Sign Placement*

Superintendent Plummer advised he was contacted by Tony Elliott's wife and mother about the possibility of placing a plaque or monument in the parks to honor Tony. Plummer advised he personally knew Tony, who had raced all over the world, and was originally from Warsaw. Plummer continued by stating that Tony represented Warsaw with dignity. Plummer stated that due to his relationship with Tony, he wanted to stay neutral on the subject and asked the Board on how they would like to proceed.

Board President Haines advised that in the past they have shied away from requests for plaques/monuments being placed into the park due to not having set guidelines for them. Haines recommended that we table the subject for a month and form a committee to reach out to other park departments to see what guidelines they use.

Board Vice President Ladd questioned where the Elliott family would like the plaque placed and Plummer advised they had 2 ideal locations being either the bridge near Pike Lake or in Central Park for it to be more visible.

Initially, the Indiana Racing Memorial Association contacted the Mayor about the plaque. If it is approved, the Association will hold a ceremony where national race car drivers will attend to honor Tony and his accomplishments. Roughly about 150-200 people attend the event.

A motion to table the possibility of placing a plaque honoring Tony Elliott and creating a committee to look further into the matter was approved.

The committee will consist of Board Members Quance, Boxell, and Baldwin.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Bill Baldwin Status: Tabled

2. *Playground Audit*

Shaun Gardner

Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner advised they had just completed playground audits and it appears that all equipment is safe to use with just some minor repairs needed. Gardner stated that the roughest playground equipment is located at Rarick Park. However, this is due to equipment misuse and vandalism.

3. *Recreation Update*

Sheila Wieringa

Recreation Director Sheila Wieringa reviewed all the events which had occurred since the last park board meeting in April. She did mention that unfortunately, 2 events were cancelled due to lack of participation and those programs were the Donuts with Dads and the Bowling Tour. However, all other programs are flourishing and have a tremendous number of participants. Wieringa also reviewed upcoming events both in the Parks and Skate Park.

Despite not having headliners, the tribute bands had a tremendous turn out and had an amazing concert! Although initially concerned about the possibility of bad weather, it turned in our favor and was the perfect night for a concert!

4. 2018 Park Budgets

Superintendent Plummer reviewed the proposed Park Budget for 2018. He asked for the Boards approval on the 204,211, & 403 Park Budgets for 2018.

The 204, 211, & 403 Park Budget for 2018, was approved on a motion by Board Member Paczkowski, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Move: Rick Paczkowski Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed

5. *Rick Paczkowski's Last Board Meeting*

Superintendent Plummer informed the Board that this meeting would be Board Member Rick Paczkowski's last meeting as a Park Board Member. Plummer thanked Board Member Paczkowski for his commitment to the Parks and his positive attitude and influence on park activities. Board Member Paczkowski will be greatly missed.

Board Member Paczkowski wanted Plummer and his staff to know that he is extremely proud of the City of Warsaw Parks Department, not only in how the parks themselves are maintained but in how the staff truly put their best efforts in their work on a daily basis.

V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

In other matter to come before the board, Plummer wanted to ask for the Board's permission to move money from our 445 account into our 360 account. Reason for this request was the money that was placed into the 445 account was for the possibility of being awarded the Stellar and OCRA Grants. Unfortunately, since we were not the recipients of those grants we would like to transfer the money to the 360 account. This account is the park's contractual account, meaning any contracted work (such as repair/rebuild of restrooms) can be taken from that specific account. If approved, the next step will be the getting approval from the Council.

The transfer of funds from the 445 account to the 360 account was approved on a motion by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Ladd.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Larry Ladd Status: Passed

VI. MEETING REVIEW

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Michelle Boxell Second: Larry Ladd Status: Passed