



## MINUTES

### City of Warsaw Parks and Recreation Board Park Board

Tuesday, July 18, 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; 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 June 2017 Minutes*

Due to a question about the June 2017, Park Board minutes & uncertainty during the Park Board Meeting, they will be addressed in the next meeting in August 2017.

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. *Memorial Sign Placement*

At the last Park Board Meeting, a committee was formed to look into the possible placement and criteria of a memorial plaque honoring Tony Elliott.

After contacting many local parks as well as reaching out nation-wide to numerous other parks, the consensus was that those parks who responded, do not put memorial plaques in their parks.

Rather they placed a small plaque by a tree, on a park bench, or other park equipment to help honor the individual. They had specific rules & guidelines for this to occur and followed them very closely. The memorial plaque committee had a meeting prior to the park board meeting, where the Mayor attended.

During this meeting it was discussed that the Park Board possibly look at recommending that the Mayor explores other city options for the possible placement of the Tony Elliott Memorial Plaque.

Tony Elliott's mother, Sue, attended the meeting and provided numerous pictures of a memorial plaque that was installed at a park in Noblesville. She would like to see the sign placed in a very public area, where because Tony was so well known, that when individuals walk passed his memorial plaque they can say they knew him and remember him.

A motion to send the memorial plaque location approval for possible other City locations to the Mayor along with the committee meeting with the City Attorney to establish a park rule regarding memorial plaques on park property, was approved by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Baldwin.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Bill Baldwin Status: Passed

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. *Plan Commission Representative*

Due to Rick Paczkowski retiring, we no longer have a Park Board Representative on the Plan Commission. The Board would like a member to be present and represented at these meetings.

Board Member Baldwin, advised he would consider the offer after making sure he would not have any scheduling conflicts. He would inform the Board at a later date.

## *2. Activities Report*

Recreation Director Wieringa reviewed all events & programs which had occurred since the last Park Board Meeting as well as informed the Board about the upcoming events & programs.

She also informed with Board that the new Central Park Marquee was installed by park staff and Big Picture Imagery. We are very happy with how the sign looks and the ease of inputting information on it is. Superintendent Plummer advised that now with the new sign there is a possibility of renting out the sign for those who rent a facility for additional income. However, this would need to be discussed and guidelines set prior to this occurring.

## *3. Maintenance Report*

Maintenance Director Gardner informed the Park Board that the pole barn extension on the back 40 has been completed and it is nice to have the added space to store items and work. Staff completed exchanging the boards on the Beyer Farm Trail and will continue to do so on the Lincoln Way Side as well.

Grate work for the restrooms at Rich-Dub Park has begun and then funds were transferred with approval for the project.

## V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Superintendent Plummer informed the Board that he would like the Board's permission to use fill dirt, which will be removed from the Storm Water Project, to help start the leveling and building of the sledding hill at Kelly Park. This would save the Park's Department around \$175,000.00. Additionally G&G would be hauling the dirt to Kelly, which is much closer than transporting it to another location. So they would be saving money as well.

A motion approve the use the fill dirt, from he Storm Water Project, for Kelly Park was approved by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed

## VI. MEETING REVIEW

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Bill Baldwin Status: Passed