

## MINUTES

**City of Warsaw  
Parks and Recreation Board  
Regular Meeting (Parks)  
Tuesday, August 21, 2018, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm  
Council Chambers**

### In Attendance

Bill Baldwin; Diane Quance; Heather Frazier; Jill Beehler; Joe Thallemer; Larry Ladd; Larry Plummer; Michelle Boxell; 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

They July 2018, minutes were approved on a motion by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Beehler.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Jill Beehler Status: Passed

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. Central Park Master Plan (Design Collaborative)

Design Collaborative representatives Ron Dick and Jared Monce, provided a power point reviewing and highlighting key points from the previous public input meeting. During this presentation, Design Collaborative provided a potential layout of both Central Park and the Center Lake Pavilion. The next step is to provide more detailed layouts and information for the September Park Board Meeting.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. *Request Dan Alwine*

Dan Alwine, representing the Warsaw Congregation of Jehovah Witness', approached the Park Board and asked for permission to have a manned cart, with religious based literature and information, displayed in Central Park for a few hours at a time during the lunch hours, preferably starting out on Fridays. Alwine advised that this would simply be a non-confrontational, reach out to the public and communicate with people who would approach them.

The Park Board members discussed the request and advised in the past, the rules have prohibited and limited individuals along with businesses providing services in the park, as it would open up the possibility of numerous others wishing to advertise their services as well. Park Board member Baldwin, advised that this may need to be further discussed with the City Attorney.

Dan Alwine's request to provide a literature cart in Central Park was denied on a motion by Board Member Ladd, seconded by Board Member Boxell.

Board Member Baldwin abstained.

Move: Larry Ladd Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed

## *2. Maintenance Report*

Maintenance Director Gardner advised the maintenance staff has been extremely busy cleaning up storm damage, both from the recent confirmed tornado along with the recent lightning strike hitting a tree at PTYC. The staff has been cleaning up trees and repairing damage all while maintaining all other park properties and locations. The recent lightning strike at PTYC caused a tree to penetrate several areas on the roof, leading to water damage with recent rain, electrical issues and even issues with natural gas to the building. Superintendent Plummer stated he had contacted the insurance company, Royalty Roofing has been placing temporary patches on the roof as well as preparing quotes for roof replacement, and that the project is just simply awaiting on the insurance adjuster.

Within the last few weeks the basketball courts at Richardson-Dubois Park have been improved from grass sprouting to K&M Asphalt stripping the court. A new water line has been installed at Rotary Park, for a possible drinking fountain and a permanent power structure has been placed on

Indiana Street to accommodate the power needs for the Family Carnival. This permanent structure was also built for the possibility of needing to further expand it.

### *3. Recreation Report*

Recreation Director Wieringa thanked Shaun and his staff for their help during all the events from helping with setup, preparing the electrical, tear down, and clean up for the events. Wieringa advised she was very pleased with Family Carnival this year and that with the added activities, games, and bounce houses lines had a shorter waiting period. Although all summer recreation staff are done for the summer, the skate park is still open and attendance continues to improve.

Wieringa stated she is now working on planning for both the fall and winter events.

## V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Board Member Baldwin advised he felt he owed the Board an explanation for why he thought the City Attorney should be contacted about the literature cart in Central Park. Baldwin stated he was worried that by allowing the literature cart in Central Park, it would open the opportunity to everyone and would possibly lead individuals to avoid the area all together.

Superintendent Plummer informed the Board the iStrike lightning detection devices should ship within the next week. It should be a relatively quick install, as all areas have been prepped for the install.

## VI. MEETING REVIEW

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Frazier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather Frazier  
Administrative Assistant  
Park Board Secretary