

MINUTES

**City of Warsaw
Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting (Parks)
Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Bill Baldwin; Diane Quance; Heather Frazier; Jill Beehler; Larry Ladd; Larry Plummer; 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 August 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)*

Chris Stine from Design Collaborative provided a power point presentation breaking down each final stage of the Central Park Master Plan along with proposed budgets for each project. Stine advised it is important to understand that although this is the final stage of the Master Plan, these proposed budgets can be changed to remove and/or alter specific aspects of each project, ultimately either increasing or decreasing the initial proposed budget.

The Park Board thanked Chris and his staff for their time and commitment on the Central Park Master Plan and advised that they are very pleased with the end results.

2. *iStrike Lightning Detection System*

Superintendent Plummer advised that he along with Maintenance Director Gardner, attended a conference call last week with Greg from the Weather

Service Center and learned how to access and use the iStrike System on the administrative side of things. Plummer demonstrated this by accessing the browser online and showing the Park Board. Plummer walked the Board through how the system works, how you can edit the distances, edit sounds/alarms and strobes, along with change locations. Although we will have four boxes that are stationary at specific locations, this system allows you to set a new location (for example for a program or event) and to receive text notifications of any lightning detected within a specific mile radius of the location.

Since the system will be a new feature, Plummer stated to properly educate the public on how they work, both signage and social media posts will be made. Due to a recent upgrade, the boxes have not arrived yet but we should have them within 2 weeks.

Plummer also wanted to thank the Kosciusko County Community Foundation for their Grant for this added safety measure for the parks.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Kelly Park Playground/Sledding Hill*

Superintendent Plummer advised that through a grant opportunity with Gametime/Sinclair Recreation, we were able to double the size of the replacement playground equipment for Kelly Park for the same amount of a smaller structure. With Gametime, if you spend, \$45,000 on a structure, they will match it 100% if you order it in the fall. So you can ultimately receive equipment priced at \$90,000 for \$45,001. This structure is tailored to 5-12 year olds and will be close to the same location as the current one, however, will leave room for future items such as a swing and another structure geared towards 2-5 year olds.

There are currently two decaying trees near the current playground equipment that due to safety need to be removed. As always, we would replace these trees in a different area within the park. Plummer asked for a motion to approve the removal of these trees for both safety and to allow additional room to accommodate the new playground equipment.

A tree at the bottom of the sledding hill was removed for safety for sledders using the hill. G&G helped remove the stump and leveled it out. Additional dirt has been placed on the hill from some Storm Water Projects. We are just about one project away from having enough dirt placed on the hill for it

to be completed. By utilizing the dirt from other projects, it has saved us thousands of dollars.

The tree removal was approved on a motion by Board Member Baldwin, seconded by Board Member Beehler.

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Jill Beehler Status: Passed

2. Maintenance Report

Maintenance Director Gardner advised that the Firemen's Building had new windows, doors, siding, and rock installed. We are very pleased with how it looks. Plummer stated that the next goal for the building is to have the 18 year old furnace and air conditioning unit replaced as well.

New signs have been placed around the Boardwalk as well.

Additionally, Gardner informed the Park Board that they have recently remodeled the restrooms at Lucerne Park and removed the cedar siding which revealed very nice block walls. The walls have been repainted and the roof has been upgraded to metal. The restroom renovation there, kick started others and now all have LED lights in them, allowing for brighter restrooms.

The new play mats have been installed at Kiddie Land in Central Park near the Galaxy structure and the turtle. This should be completed this week.

3. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Wieringa advised on the last day the skate park was open, they held a Glow event and had 61 skaters at the park, with parents, siblings, and grandparents it totaled over 150 people. Owens Supermarket donated hotdogs and chips. Parent volunteers grilled the hotdogs for participants. Karma donated a scooter, which was given away that night as well. This year was very successful in that we had over 1,130 visits to the skate park.

Fall Family Fun is coming up on October 12th and we are featuring some new events! For the first time we will be offering space for home-made craft

vendors and at the end of night bringing in the Monster Message Board for a movie starting around 7:45, which will be Hotel Transylvania.

V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Superintendent Plummer stated that we have received the insurance checks from PTYC for roughly \$51,000 to cover the roof, automatic doors, router replacement, exhaust fans, and some other small repairs from the previous lightning strike. The building is up and running and good to go.

VI. MEETING REVIEW

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Jill Beehler Second: Larry Ladd Status: Passed



Heather Frazier
Administrative Assistant
Park Board Secretary