

MINUTES

**City of Warsaw
Parks and Recreation Board
Regular Meeting (Parks)
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Council Chambers**

In Attendance

Bill Baldwin; Diane Quance; Heather Frazier; Jill Beehler; Larry Ladd;
Larry Plummer; Michelle Boxell; Shaun Gardner; Sheila Wieringa

Not In Attendance

Joe Thallemer; Steve Haines

I. CALL TO ORDER

Park Board Vice President Larry Ladd called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

The April 2019, 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. Quotes for Lucerne Amphitheater

We have opened the Lucerne Park Amphitheater project to accept quotes until May 31, 2019, at 10:30 AM. Once the deadline has passed all quotes will be considered.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request: Cory Thomas

Cory Thomas was expected to attend the Park Board meeting and discuss his new electric mowing company and the possibility of being a vendor to display his mowers. Cory did not attend the meeting.

2. Maintenance Report

Maintenance Director Shaun Gardner advised all flowers have been planted in the downtown flower boxes. All flowers and mulch will be completed in the parks tomorrow (Wednesday). Volunteers from Eisenhower Elementary Schools designed and planted flowers in the flower boxes at McKinley Park on May 13, 2019.

Due to rain, we have halted some projects such as the Kelly Park Playground. It has caused a delay in work due to the saturation of the ground and being unable to move equipment on the ground without getting stuck. Once the weather clears, progress can be made at Kelly Park.

3. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Sheila Wieringa advised that her recreation staff has started, including skate park staff. Like the maintenance side, she too is experiencing issues due to the weather. Wieringa advised that although the skate park has been opened for 1 month, they have only been able to be opened for 4 days due to the weather and/or temperature being under 55°.

Some events are coming up including the first concert for the Central Park Concert Series, Fishing Derby and Touch A Truck, which has a NASCAR truck team coming this year!

Due to another year with a lifeguard shortage, Center Lake will be the only lake guarded this year from Wednesdays through Sundays, as long as staffing permits. During times where

lifeguards are unable to guard the beach, signage will be posted to inform park patrons, that swimming will be at their own risk.

Superintendent Plummer informed the Board, that we will be checking with our new insurance carriers on the liability aspect if that were to occur.

V. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

The Lakes Festival is gearing up to kick off this weekend at Central Park. Plummer has been in contact with those in charge of the Lakes Festival regarding the current water levels at Center Lake and whether they will be able to continue with the ski show. They are hoping for sunny days ahead to help; however, the Lakes Festival will be making the final call on either continuing with the ski show or cancelling it.

Plummer advised that he has been working on the budgets for next year and they will be presented to the Park Board next month. The Park Board Meeting may need to be adjusted slightly to accommodate their approval before submitting.

VI. MEETING REVIEW

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Move: Bill Baldwin Second: Michelle Boxell Status: Passed



Heather Frazier
Park Board Secretary